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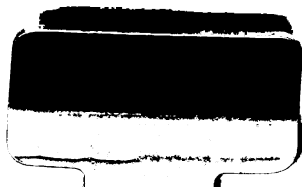
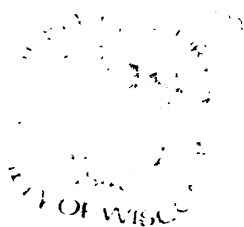
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CIRCULATE

JOHN

DESCENDANTS OF NICHOLAS JOHN

WHO CAME FROM THE
PROVINCE OF WALES, EUROPE,
TO
YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,

A. D. 1648.



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TO

MY FATHER

ELEAZAR JOHN

THIS VOLUME IS MOST RESPECTFULLY

INSCRIBED BY THE

AUTHOR.

AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

As a descendant of Nicholas John's, I take pleasure in presenting to the numerous members of the family in this country this volume the work of several years of extensive correspondence and compilation. Never having had any experience in works of a similar character, but being of a genealogical turn of mind, the work has been of an arduous character, yet one of pleasure.

It is extremely doubtful if many other families in America can boast of such a large number of descendants from one emigrant as this one. Other persons have perhaps tried to compile the genealogy of the descendants of Nicholas John of York County, Pennsylvania, who emigrated hence in the year A. D. 1648, but not until now has it been done in such an extensive and thorough manner, and yet it is far from being complete, because in some instances replies have not been

received from blanks sent out, and this is my excuse for not having a full record of these branches. The family tree is thus stripped of some of its branches that would otherwise have made it more symmetrical. This is especially true of some of the older branches, of which it was absolutely impossible to obtain a record.

In connection with the genealogical feature of the work will be found attached to their names a short biographical sketch or history of any important and interesting events that occurred in the lives of those described.

It is the request of the author that the biography of the John family be continued as the family enlarges and the older members are gradually called from the scene of earthly struggles. It is sincerely hoped that someone will take interest enough in the future generations of the name we bear to enlarge on this beginning of its history, so that something of the genealogy of the family may be handed down to posterity and that they may be enabled to trace back the family tree so that there will not be any lost connection between this and future generations.

My thanks are especially due to my father, Eleazar John, for very valuable statistical information of the older branches of the John family described in this record. Thanks also are due to

Mary Ann Nesbitt, Blanche John, Charles R. John and others for valuable information and the interest manifested.

That the members of the family will take as much pleasure in perusing the following pages as I have in compiling them, is the sincere desire of

Yours, very truly,

WILLIAM JOHN.

Riverside, Cal., Sept. 25, 1903.

THE JOHN FAMILY

From the little Welsh colony
Came the sturdy Nicholas John,
Where the apples bud and blossom
Underneath an English Sun.

Where the western fever struck him,
Four long centuries ago,
Like the rose that spreads and blossoms
In the sunshine and the snow.

All about him grew the forests
Trees of maple and of oak,
And the pine trees bent to listen
To the words the river spoke:

While the war-whoops of the red men
Rent the silence far and near
In the wilds of Pennsylvania,
But the settler knew no fear.

Grew a family up around him,
As the swift years drifted by;
While about his old log cabin
Fell God's blessings from the sky.

And the family name took root there,
Spread its branches far and wide;
From the Atlantic to the Pacific;
God they loved and glorified.

Some there were that for the Union
Wore the tattered and the blue;
Some the gray, and then forgot it
When the old became the new.

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"Let the record be made of the men and things
of today, lest they pass out of memory tomorrow
and are lost. Then perpetuate them not upon
wood or stone that crumble to dust, but upon
paper, chronicled in picture and in words that
endure forever." Kirkland.



FOUR GENERATIONS.

CLARENCE W. JOHN, CHARLES R. JOHN, WILLIAM JOHN, ELEAZAR JOHN,
 Born 1897. Born 1846. Born 1841. Born 1816.

HISTORY OF THE JOHN FAMILY

NICHOLAS JOHN

In writing a history of the John family it is necessary to begin with their history in the United States; but the data is so meager that very little can be gathered at the beginning, but enough perhaps to show a chain of ancestry. The family name originated, as far as we now are able to ascertain, in the province of Wales, Europe, and our progenitor from Wales is represented in the person of Nicholas John, who emigrated to this country about the year 1648, and settled in the State of Penn-

sylvania, York County. He had at least one son, whose name was Thomas. This is all the information it is possible to gather from our meager statistics of the life of this Nicholas John. While it would be desirable to know more of the life, calling and character of the man who first brought our name to this country, we will have to be satisfied with what we have already stated.

THOMAS JOHN

Nicholas John's son, Thomas, was born in Pennsylvania about the year 1683. He grew to manhood and was married and had a family of at least four sons. We cannot gather at this late date whether there were any daughters or not. This Thomas John was a shoemaker by trade, consequently we presume that he was at least in only moderate circumstan-

ces financially. He emigrated, however, sometime during his life to Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio, where he still continued to work at his calling. He lived to a good old age, and died about the year 1758, at about the age of 75. It is an interesting fact that the average age of the members of the family at about that time, from the best statistics that can be gathered, was about seventy-six years. This sounds the more remarkable when we remember that the average span of life is but about 33 years. It should be remembered, however, that the occupation of the John family was largely that of the farmer, and their rugged disposition had a favorable tendency toward longevity.

This Thomas John, as stated before, had four sons, namely: William, Griffith, John and Eleazar. In all probability there were some daughters, but we have no record of them.

WILLIAM JOHN

William, eldest son of Thomas John, was born, lived and died at Mansfield, Ohio. He was a farmer by occupation, and it is presumed in good circumstances financially, as by good management, tact and hard work he acquired a valuable farm in that part of the State. It is not known whether he made a profession of religion or not. This much is known, however, that he was a moral and exemplary man. He was born in the year 1747, and died at a good old age, but it is not known exactly at this late date what his exact age was, but it must have been up in the seventies somewhere. He raised a large family and sent them into the world to help populate some other parts of the United States.

GRIFFITH JOHN

Griffith, another son of the said Thomas, was born in Pennsylvania, about the year 1749, and lived there until he was 56 years of age, and afterwards emigrated to the State of Virginia, Montgomery County. He always lived a bachelor life. He was a fine mechanic, that of a cabinet-maker—flax-wheels, reels, wooden screws, spinning-wheels, etc. He accumulated property and owned a fine farm in a very fertile valley in the mountains of Virginia. The farm was noted for having upon it the best apple orchard of seven acres in the State. He was a great reader and a good scholar, and had one of the finest libraries in that part of the State. This man built a large two-story hewed log house on his farm and put a hand-shaved shingle roof upon it, with nails made by hand in a blacksmith shop. He was noted for being very irritable. The man, however, had

his good qualities as well as his bad—he was honest and generous. But it is not now known whether he made any profession of religion or not. He made a will before his death and bequeathed his property and money to four of his nephews. He died at about the age of 76 years.

ELEAZAR JOHN

Eleazar, another son of the said Thomas, was also born in the State of Pennsylvania about the year 1751, and in early life emigrated to Clinton County, Ohio, where he accumulated property in the shape of a good farm and was fairly well to do in the world.

This Eleazar John was married, it is supposed, in Pennsylvania, but it is not now known to whom. He had a family of two daughters who grew to womanhood. One of the daughters was married, but it

is not known to whom. Whether the other one ever was married is not known.

As far as we know, this Eleazar John was a good husband, a kind father and a generous neighbor. He died at the age of 80 years, and was a hale and hearty man at a very advanced age. But this world cannot always hold a man so he with the rest left it to try the realities of the next.

X JOHN JOHN

The remaining son of this Thomas John, whose name was John John, now demands our attention. This son John was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1753, and lived there until he was 65 years of age, and then emigrated to the State of Virginia.

He was married twice and had born to him eleven children, seven from his first wife and four from his second. From

his first wife four of the children were sons and three were daughters. From his second wife three were sons and one a daughter. This John John was not a wealthy man, not owning a farm of his own. He was a mechanic, had the reputation of being a natural genius, and could construct anything he wished to, but he made wagon making his principle occupation. He was not a professor of religion, yet he is said to have been a very moral man and scrupulously honest, and bore a reputable character. He possessed only a common school education and he gave such an education to each of his children. Each of his sons was permitted to learn the trade of his choice, realizing, no doubt, that legacies can be bequeathed to descendants other than money, which a great many people have now forgotten. John John lived to a good old age. He died in 1825 at the age of 72 years. The names of the sons

from his first wife were John, Thomas, David and William. He also had three daughters, but their names cannot now be learned.

The names of the sons from his second wife were James, Griffith and Eleazar. The name of the daughter was Leah.

There was a little incident that occurred in John John's earlier years--probably twenty years old at the time, which perhaps is worth relating. It was like this: He was visiting with one of his neighbors, and took upon his knee a little girl baby and was fondling it. Being delighted with its beauty and innocent smiles, he made this remark. "Ah, you sweet little girl, I will have you for my second wife." Now, this little baby's name was Ruth Day, and in after years truly became his second wife.

RUTH JOHN

RUTH JOHN

As nothing further can be learned about John John's first wife than what has been stated, we will proceed to give a limited history of Ruth, his second wife.

Ruth John was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1775. Her maiden name was Day, and she was married to John John in the year 1800. This Ruth John was a good mother, as is evinced by the offspring she bore and the moral and religious training they received at her hands. She was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She lived happily with her husband for 25 years, when he died. She emigrated from Virginia to Indiana in the year 1839 with her youngest son, Eleazar, and made her future home alternately with her son and daughter until her death, which occurred in 1843, in the 71st year of her age. It is, perhaps, proper to state before we pass, that this old lady

traveled all the way from Virginia to Indiana in a one-horse caryall, as they were called in those days.

DAVID A. JOHN

Nothing can be learned of the members of John John's family from his first wife except David A. of whom we have a limited history.

David was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on the 29th day of March, in the year 1788. As an incident, there was at that time but one dry goods store in the town, which was kept in a hewed log cabin. He acquired the wagon and carriage making trade, and afterwards made that his life work. In 1811, at the age of 23, he was united in marriage to Mary Mishler of that place, who was at that time 18 years of age. In a few years, however,

they emigrated to Canton, in the State of Ohio; and still later, in 1829, they moved to Montgomery County, Ohio. In the year 1837 they emigrated to Wayne County, Indiana. In the year 1843 the wife died, at the age of 51 years, 11 months and 1 day. A few years later he gave up house-keeping and made his home among his children. This man was a Christian, and a member of what is popularly called the Dunkards, but properly the German Baptist denomination. He was the father of ten children—seven sons and three daughters, and died November 4, 1872, at the age of 84 years, 7 months and 5 days. His death was the result of cancer in his mouth and throat.

The respective names and dates of births of his children are in the following order:

John John was born May 14, 1812.

Rachel J. " " Sept. 9, 1813.

Jacob " " May 26, 1816.

Joseph " " Jan. 17, 1818.

Polly " " June 7, 1819.

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David M.	"	"	Oct. 20,	1821.
Mary Ann	"	"	Oct. 12,	1823.
Lewis B.	"	"	Nov. 4,	1827.
Abraham	"	"	Feb. 3,	1830.
Joseph	"	"	March 6,	1833.

Following is a death list of David A. John's family:

Jacob died	June 15,	1817,	age 1 y. and 30 d.
Rachel "	Aug. 1,	1817,	" 4 y. and 21 d.
Joseph "	Aug. 6,	1818,	" 6 m. and 20 d.
Abraham "	July 22,	1830,	" 5 m. and 20 d.
David M. "	Mar. 29,	1861,	" 39 y. 5 m. and 6 d.
Lewis B. "	Dec. 5,	1872,	" 49 y. and 30 d.
John "	June 27,	1891,	" 79 y. 1 m. and 13 d.
Polly "	May 20,	1899,	" 79 y. 11 m. and 13 d.

The above statistics are the complements of Joseph John, youngest child of David A. John.

JAMES JOHN

Since nothing further can be learned of John John's family from his first wife, we

will proceed to give a short biographical sketch of the four children from his second wife, Ruth. Namely: James, Griffith, Eleazar and Leah.

James, the eldest son, was born in the year 1801, in the State of Pennsylvania, and in early life emigrated to the State of Virginia. He was married to Anna Myers, at about the age of 25 years. This young man was noted as being of a good moral nature, and at the age of 25 he attached himself to the Methodist Episcopal Church. It can be said of him that he lived a consistent Christian through all his life, as the writer of this narrative has reason to believe, because there is a letter now in our possession, written by him in 1840 to his brother Eleazar, counselling a closer walk with God, and held up Christ as a pattern. The whole tone of the letter indicates that he was a man wholly given to the cause of Christ. So we see, that though a man be in the grave,

yet do his works live, and have their natural effect. And as long as we live we should not forget the counsel of the godly. This James John worked a short time at wagon-making, and afterwards bought a farm in Virginia, where he prospered and raised a family of nine children — seven daughters and two sons. One of the sons, James F., enlisted during the Civil War, and died at his post, from sickness contracted in the service. The other son was deaf, dumb and blind. The daughters all grew to womanhood, were married and raised families.

The father continued to live to see all of his family well provided for in life before he was ready to go to the One who was his life-long helper in every time of need. He died at the age of 78 years.

His wife Anna, so far as we know, is yet alive, and if she is, she is 97 years of age. She is also a Christian, and doing what she can for the Master.

David, the deaf and blind son, is still living and enjoying life in his limited way.

GRIFFITH JOHN

We will now call the reader's attention to the next younger son, whose name is Griffith. He was also born in Pennsylvania, in the year 1805. When he was 13 years of age his parents emigrated with him to Montgomery County, Virginia. He was an obedient son and worked for his parents until he was 18 years of age, when he went to learn the smithing trade, and followed that employment all his life, or until his boys took charge of the shop. He accumulated a competence by hard work and economy, and succeeded in owning a good farm in the mountains of Virginia.

At the age of 23 he married Liona

Hambrick, by whom he had nine children—five sons and four daughters. The sons' names are John, William, Joseph, James R. and David H. The daughters' names are Mary, Susannah, Delilah and Livona. Three of the sons are yet alive and have families. The four daughters all grew to womanhood and were married and raised families.

This man, Griffith John, in after life became a Christian, and he united with the German Baptist Church. He ever after lived a consistent Christian life. His influence, even to this day, is felt by all his children. To know him was to honor, love and have confidence in him. He constantly had faith in Christ, and kept it to the end.

He died at the age of 79 years, with all his children living but two.

His eldest son, John, also was a blacksmith and succeeded the father in the same

old smith shop. The other sons are farmers and are reasonably successful.

LEAH JOHN

The next in order of the children of John John was his daughter Leah, who was also born in Pennsylvania in 1814, and lived there until she was nine years of age. Then emigrated with her parents to the State of Virginia, Montgomery County. Grew to womanhood, and at the age of 20 years was married to a man by the name of Jacob Johns. Raised a family of seven children—three sons and four daughters. She was also the mother of two or three other children, who died in infancy. Her other children are all married and are raising families except two who are dead.

Leah Johns was an affectionate moth-

er, a good neighbor, beloved by everyone for her good and noble qualities. She tried to raise her children in such a way that they would be an honor to the world and the society in which they lived. She lived to see all her children grown up and married, except William, who died while yet a young man.

Shortly after her marriage she, with her husband, emigrated to the State of Indiana. They traveled all this long road over the mountains and through the swamps in a twohorse jolt wagon, and settled in Henry County, among the wild beasts and Indians of that day. After having lived in that locality two years they moved to Wayne County, Indiana, where they lived thirteen years, and then moved to Howard County, Indiana, where they struggled with the new country, and opened up a farm.

The names of her children are Griffith, William, Mary, Martha, Sarah Ann, Eliza-

beth and Zacharia, who, so far as we now know, are all alive, and have families except the two mentioned as dead. Namely: William and Sarah Ann.

ELEAZAR JOHN

We will now proceed to give the history of the youngest son of John John, whose name is Eleazar.

Eleazar John was born on the fifth day of February, 1816, at Rosstown, York County, Pennsylvania. When two years of age he moved with his parents to the State of Virginia, Montgomery County, where he lived until 1839. When he was eight years old his father died. He then made his home with his brother, James. He worked on his brother's farm until he was 18 years of age, then went into the blacksmith shop to learn the trade with his brother Griffith.

He also received six months schooling during his boyhood days. After having served two years at learning the trade, without compensation, he engaged in the manufacture of force pumps, and other machinery.

He visited the State of Indiana in 1839, to look at the country and, if found desirable, to select a place in which to make his future home. He made the journey on horseback, and in September of the same year he, with his mother, emigrated to the new country of Indiana. They made the journey in a one-horse carryall. Shortly after arriving he traded his carryall for four and a half acres of land in Wayne County. He built a hewed loghouse and a blacksmith shop upon it.

In about a year after having arrived in Indiana he was married to Sarah Beaver, after which he constantly worked at the smithing business for half a century with the exception of one winter, in which

he taught school. He was married on the fourth day of February, 1841. His first child was born on the 22nd day of October of the same year. There were born to them eight children—seven sons and one daughter, one of whom died in infancy. They gave their children a good common school education. They are now all married, and honorable citizens.

Eleazar John and wife joined the United Brethren Church soon after marriage and lived consistent Christians. On the 27th day of July 1876, his wife died, from cancer of the stomach.

In September, 1877, Eleazar John was again married to Mary Farrington, a widow. She died in October, 1891. In entering this marriage an unusual contract was made. Each one had about as much property as the other. The contract was to the effect that each was to continue to transact their own business separately. Mary furnished the hay.

bread and pasture, and Eleazar the meats, wood and grain. The groceries were bought with the butter and eggs that were produced. Each was to pay for their own garments, and pay their own doctors' bills and taxes. This was a very harmonious union--not an angry word was ever spoken, and when death came to the wife, a relative from each family divided all of the personal property, giving to each what had been put in, and dividing equally the increase. By law one-third of her realty would have reverted to the husband, but the verbal contract was strictly complied with.

This man Eleazar John has been the recipient of numerous public offices of trust during his life, and was highly esteemed for his good character, integrity to principle and fidelity to his country. He always has been a great reader, and has constantly taken an interest in public affairs, especially such as were of interest to the com-

munity in which he lived. He would never miss an election, no matter how trivial it seemed to be. He is a Democrat in name, but never permitted partisanship to override principle. He is especially beloved by his neighbors for his kind and genial disposition and undaunted Christian character, and is measured by his real worth and honored according to the character that is in him. Integrity to principle has been one of the leading characteristics of his life, and he was never known to defraud or wrong any person. It is impossible to overestimate the worth of such a father, and his children appreciate, to some extent at least, the good influence it has had upon them, and this appreciation will be enhanced rather than diminished as the years go by.

In 1854 Eleazar John and family moved from Wayne to Grant County, Indiana, where he entered a tract of government land in what was at that day called the

Indian Reserve. He and the boys cleared off this land and made a farm of it. He also worked in the shop for the few pioneers who had ventured into that new country, and has continued to make this locality his home ever since that time, and has seen the country grow from a virgin wilderness to one filled with a refined, prosperous and happy people.

As has already been stated, his family consisted of seven sons and one daughter, namely:

William	was born	Oct. 22, 1841.
David	" "	Nov. 11, 1843.
Mary A.	" "	March 28, 1846.
James R.	" "	Oct. 10, 1847.
John V.	" "	Jan. 26, 1849.
Henry C.	" "	Sept. 9, 1851.
Lewis A.	" "	Jan. 14, 1855.
Joel B.	" "	Feb. 3, 1859.

Soon after his second wife died, Eleazar John sold his farm to his second son David, and put his business in such a shape that an administrator can easily settle up the estate.

Since the wife's death, the father has made his home with the third son, John V. The arrangement is that he is to live with him the balance of his life.

At this date, 1903, he is 87 years old, hale and hearty, and rides a bicycle in good weather.

INCIDENTS IN HIS LIFE.

In the year 1839 this man traveled over three thousand miles on horseback in quest of evidence to establish a claim to a legacy said to have been left deposited in the Bank of England for the benefit of the John heirs. It appears that Hugh John, brother of Nicholas John, and Daniel Mosieur, a relative of Hugh, deposited this money in 1648 or 1650. The interest in the estate became so great that in the year 1842 the heirs, several in number, met at Pittsburgh, Pa., to try to devise ways and means to obtain the money, which amounted at that time to several million dollars. A man was

sent to England to investigate, but nothing ever came of it.

Another incident in this man's life is that when he was a small boy of 12 years he was harrowing a piece of ground with a large diamond-shaped harrow and two horses. He rode horseback while harrowing. One day the horses took fright at something and ran away with him, throwing him to the ground between them, but the harrow leaped clear of him and covered him with soil. The only clay-bank in the field was his protector, as he fell off just in front of it, causing the harrow to leap clear of his body. This is somewhat of a harrowing incident, yet, nevertheless, true. We should take cognizance of the great providence of God in His protecting care over this man.

Another incident in the life of this man is, that when a little boy he, with another small companion frequently repaired to a large rock that protruded from the side of



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JOHN V. JOHN, RALPH JOHN,

RUSSELL W. MAIN, ELEAZAR JOHN.

the mountain, that had a smooth perpendicular surface, nearly three hundred feet high. The top of the rock was on a level with the top of the mountain, and they would roll stones over its edge to see them crash down. They would frequently sit on the edge of this rock and swing their feet and legs over the precipice. One day while thus sitting one suggested to the other that if a bear or wolf (of which the mountains contained a number) would come up behind them and give them a little scare, they would involuntarily leap off and be dashed to death. The conclusion arrived at that day by those two little boys was that that was the last time they went near that precipice.

Another incident and pleasure of his life is that he has always taken great delight in fishing, especially fishing with the hook and line. Even now at his advanced age he accompanies his boys every summer

sixty or seventy miles to the lakes to enjoy a couple of weeks of camp life and catch fish.

We will conclude the history of Eleazar John by giving the names, thus far, of his descendants:

CHILDREN

William, David, Mary Ann, James R. dead. Henry C., John V., Lewis A. and Joel B.---8.

GRAND CHILDREN

Charles R., Anna, Pearl, Ferris, Alva, Frank, Leslie, Edith, Edgar, Elmer, Verlin, Blanch, Ralph C., Priscilla, Vestal, Carrie, Earl, Carl, Hallie, Clyde, Frank, Leslie, Cecil, May, Golda, Harlie and Louie.

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GREAT GRAND CHILDREN

Mabel, Genevieve, Lucille, Russell W., Dora, Elsie, Clarence and three newcomers whose names are not at hand.---10.

Total number of children 45.

SARAH JOHN

We will now proceed to give a short history of Sarah John, wife of Eleazar John. Her maiden name was Sarah Beaver. She was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, on the 12th day of April, 1818. At the age of 16 she emigrated with her parents to Wayne County, Indiana. At the age of 23 she was married.

Sarah John was a kind and amiable wife, a good mother, and her influence for good was carried to her children, of whom, as before stated, consisted of seven sons and one daughter. She was always the attraction of home, not only of the husband and children, but also of all who enjoyed her acquaintance. Always affectionate and tender-hearted, the desire of her children or friends promptly received her attention. She did not live for self alone, but craved and appreciated the kindness and

affection of others. She lived to try to make her children and others happy, and she never was contented when her friends were in trouble, always trying to alleviate the distress of others. She lived to see all her children grown to manhood. From early in life she had been a member of the United Brethren Church, and the preachers on their circuits usually would stop for dinner, as she was noted for her good cooking, and preachers are no mere novices in that line. It was, however, principally because of their welcome that they and other friends loved to spend a Sunday, or holiday at the John's humble mansion.

Sarah John's life was a model one in her sphere, and she did what she could, and did it well. She worked very hard for the good of others, and there is no doubt but that hard work and worry caused her to fill a premature grave.

She died July 27, 1876, and was followed to her final resting place by a large concourse of sympathizing friends, who knew the loss the father and children had sustained.

Every loved one that leaves us reminds us more forcibly of the uncertainty of this life and the certainty of a life hereafter. While we cannot possibly lose anything by living a good life, we are sure of gaining a much brighter Crown than is worn by any earthly king and a prospect of again meeting the loved ones we have laid away, and when ours are forced to part with us may it be said of us: He has done what he could.

JOHN JOHN

We will now take up the next generation and begin with the eldest son of David

A. John, who was the eldest son of John John by his first wife.

This son's name also was John John. He was born on May 14, 1812, near Canton, Ohio, and in 1829 removed with his parents to Montgomery County, Ohio. On Feb. 14, 1833, he was united in marriage to Nancy Warner. Soon after his marriage he settled in Philipsburg, Ohio, and worked at the carpenter trade a few years; then purchased a farm of 152 acres near that town. This land at the time he purchased it was a wilderness and a boggy swamp, however by his energy and hard labor he succeeded in redeeming it from its primeval state and converting it into one of the most valuable farms in that part of the State. He continued to live on this farm until his death, which occurred on June 27, 1891. His daughter, Hattie Binkley, and her husband are now the owners of this valuable property.

John, like his ancestors, was a mem-

ber of the German Baptist church and one of the leading members and officers of that organization. He was also a republican partisan politician of local note.

He died at the age of 79 years, 1 month and 13 days.

This man and his wife were the parents of ten children—four sons and six daughters, as follows:

Elisabeth	born Aug. 27, 1834.	Died May 6, 1901.
Lydia	" Nov. 14, 1836.	" Feb. 8, 1885.
David	" Nov. 10, 1838.	" Oct. 16, 1842.
Mary	" Mar. 26, 1841.	
Ephraim	" June 16, 1843.	" Sept. 8, 1866.
Lewis	" Nov. 15, 1845.	" Jan. 4, 1893.
Sarah	" Mar. 9, 1848.	" Dec. 23, 1849.
Samuel	" Mar. 19, 1850.	
Hettie	" July 25, 1852.	
Susanna	" May 23, 1858.	" Feb. 17, 1889.

It will be noticed that only three of this large family of children are now living. All except three lived to manhood and womanhood and had families. His succeed-

ing progenitors are: Grandchildren 35. great-grandchildren 30 and great-great-grandchildren 12.

DAVID M JOHN

David M. John, second son of David A. John, as described on page 25 of this volume, was born in the State of Ohio on the 20th day of October, 1821, and lived there till manhood, when he was married to Susan Overholser. Eight children were the result of this union, namely: Oliver, Jacob, Sarah Ann, Lewis A., Catherine, David, Thomas and Calvin. Lewis A., Catherine and David died in infancy.

David M. John was a wagon and carriage builder and was noted for his genius and fine workmanship. He emigrated in his early manhood to Wayne County, Indiana, near Hagerstown, and continued to

work at his calling until about the year 1851, when he with his family removed to Huntington County, Indiana, which at that time was a new and swampy country. He there met a premature death, the result, no doubt, of the malaria that is common to all new and wet undrained lands.

He died March 26, 1891, at the age of 39 years, 5 months and 6 days.

The following named children comprised his family:

Oliver born Mar. 28, 1842.

Jacob W. " Dec. 18, 1843.

Sarah A. " Nov. 12, 1845.

Catherine " June 10, 1848. Died Sept. 10, 1850.

Lewis A. " Feb. 26, 1851. " Feb. 27, 1854.

David " Nov. 13, 1853. " June 27, 1854.

Thomas J. " May 11, 1855.

Calvin N. " Nov. 19, 1858.

GRANDCHILDREN

Edwin M. John born Aug. 10, 1863. Dead.

Jennie M. " " Mar. 18, 1865.

Charles C. " " Oct. 24, 1867.

Ella A. " " Nov. 28, 1872.

D. W. " " July 7, 1875.

William H.	"	"	May 26, 1867.
Frank H.	"	"	April 25, 1869.
Cora May	"	"	June 18, 1871. Dead.
Adna	"	"	April 14, 1879.
Edith	"	"	July 24, 1877.
Mabel	"	"	Aug. 25, 1879.
Lewis	"	"	July 15, 1881.
Ethel B.	"	"	Jan. 14, 1881.
Geraldine M.	"	"	July 6, 1883.
Albert N.	"	"	May 9, 1885.
Chesley Myers.			
Clarence	"		
J. F.	"		

There are also quite a number of great-grandchildren, but not having their names and number of children, cannot be inserted.

Thus ends the brief history and statistics of David M. John.

SUSAN ULREY

Nee Susan John, wife of David M. John.

This history would not be complete if

we did not have a kind word to say of this good woman and mother.

Her maiden name was Susan Overholser. She was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, on the 20th day of August, 1823, therefore has passed her eightieth mile-stone. She is yet living and enjoying life better than a great many younger persons. She attended the annual reunion of the John family at North Manchester, Indiana, in 1903, and by a curious coincidence it was her eightieth birthday, and it is said she enjoyed the occasion quite as much, if not more, than the younger members of the family.

In the year 1840 she was united in marriage to David M. John, and there were born to them eight children. They lived happily together 21 years. After the death of her husband she lived a widow for a number of years and was again married to a man by the name of Ulrey. He also died

and she is now a widow a second time.

She is living with her relatives at Liberty Mills, Indiana.

LEWIS B. JOHN

We will now call the reader's attention to the third son of David A. John.

Lewis B. John was born in Canton, Ohio, November 4, 1827. When he was two years old his parents moved to Montgomery County, Ohio, and when ten years of age came with his parents to Wayne County, Indiana. He continued to reside in that State until his death, which occurred Dec. 5, 1872, at the age of 49 years and 30 days.

In the spring of 1851 he was united in marriage to Eunice Vanzant, near Newcastle, Indiana. They had four children born to them, namely: Nancy E., Jenny, Elmer and Charles--the three latter being

dead. Jenny and Elmer were twins.

After the death of the husband, the widow removed with her daughter to Sedgwick County, Kansas, where she died.

Lewis B. was a man of ability and energy. In the early days when the P. C. C. & St. Louis R. R. was being built he secured a contract to furnish ties for the road, and purchased a saw-mill and accumulated quite a sum of money manufacturing railroad ties. He then bought a good farm near the mill, in Henry County, Indiana, and subsequently made farming his principle occupation. He also bought and sold a great many farm implements, such as plows, mowers, reapers, threshers and other kinds of machinery.

POLLY LANDIS

Polly, the oldest daughter of David A. John will now receive our attention.

Polly was born on June 7, 1816, at Canton, Ohio. She spent her girlhood days in Montgomery County, Ohio, and in Wayne County, Indiana.

At the age of 25 she was united in marriage to Jacob Landis, and lived happily together for 31 years. The husband died May 22, 1875.

Twelve children resulted from this marriage—five boys and seven girls, eight of whom are yet living.

Polly became a member of the German Baptist Church in early womanhood and lived a consistent, devoted, Christian life. She was loved by all who knew her for her kind disposition and sterling Christian character.

After the death of her husband she made

her home with her daughter, Sarah Miller, near Rose Hill, Wabash County, Indiana, until her death, which occurred on May 20, 1899, at the age of 79 years, 11 months and 13 days.

Her children's names and dates of birth are:

David	born Feb. 3, 1843.	Died Nov 20, 1901.
Marian	" Oct. 4, 1846.	" June 7, 1900.
Jacob	" Nov. 14, 1848.	
Samuel	" Dec. 9, 1850.	
Martha	" Aug. 3, 1852.	" Nov. 7, 1859.
Lydia	" July 24, 1854.	
Sarah	" Sept. 15, 1855.	
John	" Mar. 30, 1857.	" Mar. 21, 1858.
Noah	" Mar. 27, 1859.	
Tuda	" Jan. 14, 1861.	
Emma	" May 28, 1862.	
Cassie	" Feb. 27, 1864.	

These children are now all married and have families, consisting of 35 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

MARY ANN LANDIS

Mary Ann, second daughter of David A. John, was born Oct. 12, 1823, at Canton Ohio. When she was six years of age her parents moved to Montgomery County, Ohio, and eight years afterward came with her parents to Indiana.

When she was 20 years old her mother died. Three years later she married Michael H. Landis, in Wayne County, Indiana, by whom she had 14 children, 9 boys and 5 girls. Eight of the children are yet living—5 boys and 3 girls. Those dead, died in infancy. The living are all married and have families.

Less than one year after marriage Mary Ann united with the German Baptist Church and has ever since been one of its most faithful members.

Since her husband's death she has made her home with her children, and is now

living with her youngest daughter, Lydia, at Andrews, Indiana.

While it would be very desirable to know more of the history of this good woman, we will have to be contented with the above brief description.

Her children's names and ages are as follows:

David	born Dec. 9, 1847.	Dead.
Barbara	" Oct. 30, 1849.	"
Lewis	" Mar. 5, 1851.	"
Daniel	" June 10, 1852.	"
Joseph	" Aug. 18, 1853.	
Polly	" June 14, 1855.	
Jacob	" Jan. 18, 1857.	
Nancy	" Jan. 4, 1858.	
Elisabeth	" Aug. 20, 1859.	"
Oliver	" Sept. 4, 1860.	
John	" Dec. 20, 1861.	
Samuel	" Dec. 14, 1862.	"
Abraham	" Mar. 15, 1868.	
Lydia	" Jan. 15, 1871.	

She also has 22 grandchildren living.

JOSEPH JOHN

JOSEPH JOHN

Next in order of birth is Joseph John, youngest son of David A. John.

Joseph was born March 6, 1833, near Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio. When he was four years old his parents emigrated to Wayne County, Indiana. His mother died when he was ten years of age.

Joseph has continued to reside in Indiana and is now a resident at Roann, Wabash County.

He has made life quite a success, both financially and otherwise—owns a good farm and is in good circumstances. He is a natural genius—can construct almost anything that is needed, and yet, not a special mechanic in any line—and has made farming his life work.

He was united in marriage to Waitie Ann Roberson in 1853, when he was 20 years old, and they have been blessed with four

children—three girls and one boy, namely: Julia, born 1854. Mary, born in 1856. Melvina, born in 1858, and Howard in 1861. The youngest daughter died in 1875.

Joseph John is a devoted and faithful member of the German Baptist Church. His political persuasion is prohibition.

NAOMI BISHOP

We will now give a short historical description of James John's family, which, as previously stated, consisted of nine children—seven daughters and two sons.

The eldest child's name was Naomi. She was born July 10, 1825, and was educated at Blacksburg, Virginia. She was a successful school teacher until the time of her marriage to William M. Bishop, December 20, 1865, and was the mother of two children—son and daughter, the latter died

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in infancy. The son, James J. Bishop, is a physician at Clear Fork, Bland County, Virginia.

After her marriage, Naomi worked faithfully in the M. E. Church as a Sunday School teacher and church worker until the time of her death, which occurred September 11, 1897, at the age of 71 years, 2 months and 1 day.

ELIZABETH SESSLER

The second daughter, Elizabeth, was born July 30, 1827, and was united in holy wedlock to John B. Sessler in January, 1853. They afterwards settled in Botetourt County, Virginia, where they lived till the time of their deaths, doing a good work as a Methodist family; were public spirited, always ready to help on any good work or society,

and never grew too old, or tired, to go with the young folks for their profit or pleasure.

This union was blessed with six children—two sons and four daughters, namely, Mary S., born 1854; Sarah A., Mark E., Mattie, born July 12, 1861; Emma, born April 7, 1865, and John T., born in 1870.

All are now living except the youngest son, who died at the age of 17 years. The others are doing well; have homes of their own and making good use of the means left them by their parents.

DAVID JOHN

David, the third child of James and Anna John (whose name is mentioned on page 30), was born May 5, 1831. Deaf from birth and lost his eye-sight entirely at the age of 13 years. He is now living in Wythe

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County, Virginia. He has a wonderfully good memory, is industrious and very patient, considering his afflictions.

MARTHA BANE

The fourth child, Martha, was born on March 20, 1834, and was married to John T. Bane of Blue Stone, Tazewell County, Virginia, November 11, 1853. She became the mother of seven children, as follows: Alice A., born September 18, 1858; Jessie B., born December 30, 1859; Lou Emma, Mollie, Charlie, William and Frank. Jessie B. died in 1878, at the age of 19 years.

MARY ANN KIRBY

The next daughter, Mary Ann, was born

February 6, 1837. She acquired a good education, was distinguished as a school teacher, and during the Civil War made herself useful as a tailoress. Afterwards was married to James Kirby of Montgomery County, Virginia. Three children blessed this union, as follows: Milton, James J. and Anna.

She died November 27, 1870, at the age of 33 years, 9 months and 21 days.

This lady, like all the rest of the family, was a devoted member of the Methodist Church. She died singing "Glory, Hallelujah," until her father was made to say that "it was a place of rejoicing."

PRISCILLA R. STIMSON

Priscilla was the sixth child of James and Anna John, and was born May 10, 1840. She

is the wife of N. B. Stinson of Clear Fork, Virginia, and is the mother of three children, as follows: Alice, Charles and Ellis. The latter died at the age of three years. Their home is now in Wythe County, Virginia.

This lady is a distinguished writer of both prose and poetry, and is also a good singer and musician.

TOBITHA S. HENDERSON

Tobitha John was born January 31, 1843, and lived with her parents until she was thirty years old. In 1873 she married a man by the name of Harvy Henderson. One child, James J., was the result of this union. She departed this life December 21, 1877, at the age of 34 years, 10 months and 20 days.

JAMES F. JOHN

The eighth child of James and Anna John, was born November 9, 1844. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church at a very early age in life. He was very patriotic and enlisted as a soldier in the war of the rebellion as soon as he became old enough, and died in the service February 16, 1864, at the age of 19 years, 3 months and 7 days.

SALOMA J. HAMBRICK

The youngest child of this family was born February 8, 1847. At the age of 28 years she was united in marriage to William Hambrick. Five children are the result of this union, namely: James J., Anna, Wilmer, Claud and David. She is now a widow, and resides at Rural Retreat, Wythe County, Virginia.

Thus ends the history of James John's large and interesting family. While it would be very desirable could we have had a more intimate acquaintance with the members of this family, as we would have been pleased to have been able to give a more minute and extended account of them, but not being in possession of particulars, we will have to be contented with the foregoing brief description.

The details as given above are the compliments of Mrs. Mattie Watkins, of Troutville, Virginia, granddaughter of James John.

JOHN JOHN

The next in the regular order of descent are the children of Griffith John, who is next younger brother of James John, the biographies of whose children have just been given.

Griffith and Liona John's family consisted of nine children—five sons and four daughters, as mentioned on page 31.

John John, the eldest child, was born January 4, 1831, in Roanoke County, Virginia. He resided with his parents as a farmer boy, until about 18 years old, when he went into the blacksmith shop with his father, to learn the trade, and has continued in that business, at the same old stand, more than 55 years, and is yet enjoying good health, and able to do good work.

John John has been twice married. His first wife's name was M. J. M'Donald, to whom he was married in 1855, by whom he had nine children—five boys and four girls. After her death he was again married to Ella M. Lester. One child—a daughter, is the result of this union.

This man is fairly well to do in the world—owning the same old farm in the mountains of Virginia that his father owned.

He is not a politician, but is a Christian, and is a member of the German Baptist, or Dunkard Church.

The names and dates of births of his children are as follows:

Eleazar E.	born Aug. 3, 1856.	Res. Leeton, Mo.
Arminta E.	" April 11, 1858.	" Texas.
Joanna R.	" May 3, 1860.	" Virginia.
George G.	" March 30, 1862.	" Kansas.
Milton M.	" March 21, 1865.	" Virginia.
John J.	" June 6, 1867.	" Maryland.
William W.	" May 27, 1870.	Dead.
Louvenia A.	" March 15, 1872.	" Virginia.
Olen O.	" April 7, 1878.	" Virginia.
Margie E.	" Sept. 26, 1882.	" Virginia.

These children are all married and have families, except Louvenia A., who is living with her sister, Joanna R. Bennett.

WILLIAM JOHN

The next youngest son of Griffith John was William John, who was born in Roanoke County, Virginia, on the 27th day of October, 1834. As soon as he became old enough he commenced to wield the hoe and other farm implements, until he was 18 years of age, when he went into the blacksmith shop with his father, but not finding it congenial returned to the farm. He never spent very much time in a school-house.

On February 14, 1856, at the age of 21 years, he was united in marriage to Sallie F. Bolen, of Montgomery County, Virginia, by whom he had three children—one son and two daughters. He continued farming until March, 1862, when he was drafted into the Confederate army, until Nov. 4, 1864, when, with twelve others, they ran the blockade, and were thirteen days and

nights getting through the lines; but finally on the 24, day of December, 1864, he landed at New Carlisle, Ohio. After recuperating a few days, he found employment on a farm, and on the last day of January, 1865, came to Indiana, and in July of the same year his wife and son arrived from Virginia.

He then made farming his constant employment for ten years, then sold his farm and moved into the city of Huntington, and has lived there ever since—being in the sewing machine and music business.

He has been a justice of the peace for 22 years, and has married hundreds of people. He has been fairly successful financially, a local politician of some note, and a life-long democrat.

His children's names are as follows: James B., Bettie and Edna. Bettie being dead. The other two are married.

JOSEPH JOHN

The next youngest son of the said Griffith John was Joseph John, who was born in Roanoke County, Virginia, in 1836.

He worked for his father on the farm until 1862, when he enlisted in the Confederate army, was taken prisoner at Mission Ridge, Georgia, in the early part of 1864, and sent to Alton Military Prison, Illinois. The last that was ever heard from him he wrote to his brother William that the small-pox was very bad in the prison. It is therefore concluded that he died there from that disease.

SUSANNAH

Susannah was the next child, and was born in Roanoke County, Virginia, in 1838. At sixteen years of age she was married to

David Sheeler in 1854, and raised a large family. Her husband was wounded and died in the army. Susannah died on the old homestead, but cannot give the date of her death, neither can we trace her children.

DELILA

Delila, the next daughter, was born in Roanoke County, Virginia, in 1840, and in 1860 was married to a man by the name of Henderson, who afterwards died while in the army. After the war was over she contracted a second marriage, this time the name was Thomason. She died several years afterwards. Whether she raised a family or not is not known at this time.

JAMES JOHN

James John was also born in Roanoke

County, Virginia, in 1843. When he became old enough he enlisted in the Confederate army, and died while in the service in 1863.

DAVID JOHN

Next was David John, also born in Roanoke County, Virginia, about the year 1845, and in 1864 he was drafted into the army, was taken prisoner the same year to Fort-Delaware, and died there in 1865.

VENA JOHN

Vena John, youngest daughter of Griffith John, was born in 1848 in Roanoke County, Virginia. She was married and raised a family. She died in 1901.

It is to be regretted that the statistics of

this large family are so meager, but we have done the best we could.

MARY JOHNS

Next in order of descent are the children of Leah Johns, who is discribed on page 32. She was the mother of ten children, three of whom died in infancy. We will give a short biographical sketch of those who lived to manhood and womanhood in their order.

Mary Johns, eldest daughter of Jacob and Leah Johns was born in Wayne County, Indiana on February 27, 1835. She lived with her parents until she was 18 years old when she was married to Strawther Tolle. Two children was the result of this marriage, Lucretia and William H. The daughter being dead. After having lived together a little over three years the husband died.

Fourteen months afterwards she contract-

ed a second marriage, namely: Jefferson Jackson, a minister of the gospel, of Howard County, Indiana. Five children was the result of this union, namely: Martha A., John G., Anna B., Andrew J. and Launa J., Anna B. and Andrew J. being dead.

The husband died April 17, 1903.

Mary, the mother of these children, is a faithful and loved member of the Friend-Quaker denomination. She is a good mother, with a very sociable, friendly disposition; always having a kind word and a friendly greeting with every one she meets.

MARTHA

Martha Johns, the next youngest daughter, was born June 14, 1839. She was married to Perry Turner October 15, 1861. Four children was the result of this union, namely: Rosella, Mary J., Laura B. and

John G. The two youngest are still living. The husband died on July 12, 1868.

On May 7, 1872, she was again united in marriage to William G. O'Neal and one child was the result, namely: Daniel, who is still living. The husband died May 8, 1884.

On October 29, 1885 she contracted her third marriage, this time with Rudolph Roher. No children were born as the result of this union. He died on March 28, 1901, leaving her a widow the third time. She is still living at this writing.

GRIFFITH

Griffith Johns the next younger child was born in Wayne County, Indiana, on June 28, 1841. At the age of twelve he moved with his parents to Howard County, Indiana. When he was 21 years old he enlisted in the army, served three years, was in forty-

three battles and skirmishes and escaped without even a scratch of a saber or puncture of a bullet. He was honorably discharged in 1865.

On March 24, 1866, he was married to Nancy Quick of Howard County, Indiana. Ten children came as the result of this union—six daughters and four sons. Their names are as follows: Eva A., Ettie J., Ulysses S., John S., Savanna E., Emma A. and Amma E., twins. Rosella, Charles O. and Daniel L. Six are dead. The following are still living, namely: John, Rosella, Charles and Daniel.

Griffith Johns is a good husband and a kind father; an unassuming, quiet kind of a man—one who assumes his own affairs to the exclusion of other people's. He is fairly well to do in the world, owning a farm in Howard County, Indiana. He has lived in that same locality all his life.

SARAH ANN JOHNS

WILLIAM

William Johns was born in Wayne County, Indiana, on July 11, 1843, and he moved with his parents to Howard County, Indiana, at the age of ten years. He lived to young manhood and died on June 22, 1862, at the age of 18 years, 11 months and 11 days.

SARAH ANN

Sarah A. Johns, third daughter of Leah Johns, was born in Wayne County, Indiana, on August 29, 1845. When yet a little girl she moved with her parents to the wilds of Howard County, Indiana, and on February 20, 1859, when she was just 13 years, 5 months and 21 days old, was married to Daniel Gillen. One child, Jacob, was the result of this marriage. Mr. Gillen

afterwards enlisted in the army and never returned. Date of death unknown.

On September 10, 1865, Sarah Ann was again married to Thomas Crull, who had been a captain in the civil war. Two children—William and Henry L., were born unto them. Both of them are still living. She died November 21, 1875.

DANIEL ZACHARIAH

Daniel Z. Johns was born in Wayne County, Indiana, on September 4, 1848, and died March 21, 1899.

This man was married four times. Three children was the result of these marriages; but we are unable to get dates or names, as he was burned to death in a gas explosion and his house and all records destroyed by fire.

WILLIAM JOHN

ELIZABETH ELLEN

Elizabeth E. Johns, youngest daughter of Leah Johns, was born in Howard County, Indiana, on August 9, 1851, and on April 15, 1873, was married to William Gray. Five children graced this marriage: Cora B., William E., Lulu J., Jesse E. and Minnie M. All the members of this family are living at this writing.

WILLIAM JOHN

We will now give a statistical and short biographical sketch of the children of Eleazar John, who was the youngest son of John John by his second wife, as described on page 34.

William, eldest son of Eleazar and Sarah John, was born in Wayne County, Indiana, on October 22, 1841. At the age of 13 years, he emigrated with his parents to their new

home, in the wilds of Grant County, Indiana. He received a fair practical education and taught school while a young man. He also learned the blacksmith trade with his father and served until he was 21 years old. He then set up shop for himself in the town of Independence, Grant County, Indiana. At the age of 24 years he was married to Martha J. Westerfield. One son blessed this union, who was born on September 27, 1866. William worked at his trade in this town 22 years and during this time held numerous small offices of trust.

In the year 1885 they emigrated to Riverside, California, where they own and live on a ranch of fifteen acres of orange grove, and have a comfortable income to comfort them in the evening of their lives.

Soon after marriage, William and Martha united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and after coming to California identified themselves with the United Brethren in Christ.



WILLIAM JOHN

MARTHA J. JOHN

MARTHA JANE WESTERFIELD JOHN

The ancestry of the Westerfield family is originally of English extraction. About the time of the Reformation, on account of religious persecution, the early family emigrated to Holland, and, after a few generations, sailed for the United States, and it is supposed settled around Baltimore. One branch of the family in after years settled in Ohio, and to this branch of the family the subject of this sketch claims direct descent. The early history of the family in this country in its different branches cannot be had, but in the pioneer days the father of the one whose biography is here given was residing in the then western State of Indiana.

Martha Jane Westerfield John, wife of William John, and one of six children of William D. and Elizabeth Westerfield, was born in Fayette County, near Bentonville,

Indiana, on August 14, 1845. Her childhood was passed in the county of her birth, but as she was merging into womanhood her father, with his family, emigrated into Grant County, buying a farm one mile south of Point Isabel, a small village about fifteen miles southwest of Marion, the county seat.

A division of the labor of the farm being necessary, and the family consisting mostly of girls, it fell to the lot of Martha to assist her father and brothers in the care of the farm. This was entirely satisfactory to her, for she much preferred a close contact with nature and the free and open outdoor life where she could make pets of the colts and companions of the old faithful bossies as they strolled together to and from the barn, with its big hay loft, out to the woods' pasture with its big trees, where the hickory and oak and beech, these great monarchs of the forest, would bend and wave in the breezes. To one accustomed to this close acquaintance

with nature was not the confinement of kitchen and household demands nothing less than a monotonous drudgery? What girl would accept the close confines of indoor life when all nature was beckoning her to come out and be free as the meadow-lark? Not she.

To this free out-door life it can undoubtedly be said she owes much, for it cannot be denied that she is indebted largely to it for a strong and rugged physique, and it may be said that until she had long passed the half century mark it had stood the test of years of toil without the usual impress "Old Father Time" is wont to make.

Her educational advantages were limited to attendance at public and subscription schools from one to three months each year. The schools which she attended were of the kind common in the early part of the nineteenth century. The method of instruction was crude, and conveniences were conspicuous by their absence. The floors were of

puncheon, the seats of slabs (so high that the children's feet would scarcely touch the floor), while a board placed by the side of the wall was used for a writing desk.

When Martha Jane was nineteen years of age she found that after a very interesting courtship she had let her affections go out to a young man, one William John, who bore a good reputation and came from a good family, and who had imbibed the spirit of thrift prevalent in the neighborhood, and had already established a small blacksmith business, which trade he had learned from his father before he left the parental roof. The new shop, which was started at Independence, a small town about four miles distant from her father's home, being located in a farming community, had every prospect of success. The courtship soon culminated in a happy union, and the young couple made their home for nineteen years in the above-named town. One child, a

boy, was the result of this marriage.

The first dozen years at Independence were certainly pleasant and happy ones for this couple. The wife's parents and brothers were still alive and within visiting distance of one another. Many and many a time did she drive with her boy by her side to the parental home to spend a season with those she loved. The drive over meadow pasture from public road to house, the orchard in the rear of house, with its early red apple tree, and the old-fashioned cider press at one side of orchard, the old milk-house adjacent thereto, through which the water from the deep, cool well would run,—these are some of the scenes that she will carry on memory's page until her feet have touched the dews of death, and the Master shall bid her come home, where her mother has been waiting her these many years.

In the fall of 1884 she emigrated with her husband and son to California, and settled

at Riverside, where they have since resided.

Not so much from the pressure of home circumstances, but chiefly from a desire to save something for a "rainy day," as well as the promptings of a moral purpose developed during her youth and early married life, Martha Jane adopted a rigid economy and a diligence and perseverance for accumulation that form one of the dominant traits of her character. This is recognized by her friends as one feature of her personality. It is possible that because of this—the accomplishment of that on which the heart is set—that this, in some measure, is responsible, because of the intentness becoming a part of self, for the numerous accidents she has encountered on different occasions. During her girlhood she was thrown from a horse and came near losing a leg as the result, and on numerous occasions has come very near losing her life. But the worst misfortune of that character happened in the fall

of 1900, when in alighting from a carriage she fell and dislocated a hip. For some reason nature has failed to make the proper restoration of severed ligaments, and she is compelled to walk with cane or crutch.

It is to the virtue above referred—to this careful and conservative management, coupled with years of persevering toil—that she and her husband now point with pardonable pride to their fifteen-acre orange grove within the corporate limits of the city of Riverside.

The subject of our sketch has been for the most of her life a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but soon after coming to California put her letter with that of her husband into the membership of the United Brethren Church, of which she is a consistent and loyal member.

DAVID JOHN

The second son of Eleazar John, in line of descent, is David John, who was born in Wayne County, Indiana, on November 11, 1843. He emigrated with the family to Grant County, Indiana in 1854. He is also a blacksmith and learned the trade with his father. In 1869, David, then a man of 25 years, made a visit to the State of Kansas, and remained about a year. On his return voyage he met with quite an accident; two railroad trains colided when at full speed, and he was a passenger on one of them. There were about 40 people killed and 60 or 70 wounded, but he escaped with only a few bruises. On October 25, 1873, he was married to Emma Stillwell. Two children was the result of this marriage in their early life. Anna, born August 9, 1874, and Pearl, July 27, 1877. Later in life, in their old age, there was born to them a son on August 12, 1895.

David is still working at his trade at Point Isabel, Grant County, Indiana. He has succeeded in accumulating considerable property, is enjoying good health, is of stout build and has an average weight of 218 pounds.

MARY ANN JOHN

Mary Ann, the only daughter of Eleazar and Sarah John, was born March 28, 1846, in Wayne County, Indiana, and moved with them to Grant County, Indiana, in 1854, where she married Darius Nesbitt on January 10, 1867. Seven children are the result of this marriage, as follows: Alva A., born September 26, 1867; Benjamin F., born January 9, 1870; Flora E., born November 19, 1871; John T., born May 28, 1875; Edgar D. and Elmer C. twins, born May 3, 1885, and Verlin S., born December 21, 1890.

Mary Ann is a hale and hearty woman at fifty-eight years and weighs about 150 lbs.

She and her husband are in good circumstances financially—owning a good farm of over 300 acres in Grant County, Indiana. Their children are all well educated, the older ones having already received a good college education. Four of them are married and have families.

Mary Ann and her husband are faithful members of the Christian Church, and their example and faithfulness are bearing legitimate fruit with their children and friends.

JAMES R. JOHN

The fourth child of Eleazar and Sarah John, namely: James Riley, was born October 10, 1847. He lived one year and died from croup.

JOHN V. JOHN

John V., the fifth child of Eleazar and Sarah John, was born in Wayne County, Indiana, on January 26, 1849. At the age of five years his parents removed with him to their new home in Grant County, Indiana.

John V. secured a common school education. He was married on March 13, 1873, to Ann Foster. Two children were the result of this marriage;—the oldest a daughter, "Blanche," the second a son, "Ralph."

John V., after having arrived at manhood, like nearly all the John family, learned a trade—that of wagon and carriage building. After being in that business fifteen years, he sold out and purchased a farm and is now doing fairly well farming, and living more independently. The father, Eleazar, is still alive at this writing and is making his home with this son.

John V. is not identified with any branch of God's church, yet he is a good husband and kind father, and has the respect and esteem of all who know him, has held numerous small offices of trust and given satisfaction to his constituents.

He is a fine singer and instrumental musician, and delights in the fact that he is the foremost bass singer in the country.

Politically he is a Democrat, and very partisan in his voting.

His age at this writing is fifty-five years, and is yet a hale and hearty man, weighing about 200 pounds.

HENRY C. JOHN

Henry C. John, fifth son of Eleazar and Sarah John, was born in Wayne County, Indiana, on September 9, 1851. When three years of age moved with his parents to

Grant County, Indiana, where he received a common school education.

Henry C. has been married twice. His first marriage was contracted with Frances F. Leer, on October 9, 1874. She died March 3, 1876. There was one child by this marriage, a daughter, Eva Priscilla, who lived with her father after he contracted his second marriage, until she arrived at young womanhood, when she contracted that dread disease, consumption. She died at the age of 19 years.

On April 23, Henry C. John contracted his second marriage with Sarah J. Collins, with whom he is still living. Six children are the result of this marriage—five sons and one daughter. Three of the sons are dead. He is a blacksmith by trade and has been working at the business at Swayzee, Indiana, more than twenty-five years. He is also a fine musician, the violin being his favorite instrument, though he is a good performer

LEWIS A. JOHN

on band instruments. He has been honored with offices of trust and always had the reputation of being an honest and conscientious officer.

This man owns some property, which was accumulated, however, under very adverse circumstances—a great deal of sickness with himself and family has made life a burden to him rather than a blessing. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church and are battling with the problems of life as best they may in a Christian and trusting spirit.

LEWIS A. JOHN

Lewis A., sixth son of Eleazar and Sarah John, was born in Grant County, Indiana, on January 14, 1855. He grew to manhood and received a common school education. He is the largest one of the family, his normal weight being 225 pounds.

He is the only son of the family who did not learn to be a mechanic, he being a farmer by occupation. On October 12, 1876, he was married to Miss Nancy E. Sallee. Five children are the result of this marriage—three sons and two daughters—namely: Edgar P., born February 22, 1878. Leslie E., born April 12, 1879, and died at the age of about two years. Charles C. was born September 28, 1880. Anna May, the eldest daughter, was born August 26, 1882. Golda G., the youngest daughter of Lewis and Nancy John, was born January 21, 1885, therefore is twenty years of age at this writing. It is to be noted that this family of children are more than ordinarily good and steady, and the absence of anything like flirtation and giddiness, that is so prevalent among young folks, is especially noticed.

Lewis A. John, the subject of this sketch, has a peculiar penchant for horses. Unlike any of his brothers, who care but little for them, he delights to talk horse and work with them, and trade in them, and is never so happy as when he can get the best end of the bargain in a horse-trade.

Lewis has accumulated a small competence and he and his good wife live contentedly together. They own and reside on property in the little town of Point Isabel, Grant County, Indiana. He does not make any pretensions to religion, of any kind, though, happily, he is on the moral side of the question.

JOEL BENTON JOHN

The seventh and last son of Eleazar and Sarah John, namely: Joel B. John, was born in Grant County, Indiana, May 7,

1861. Very early in life Joel B. found his life employment. He was of an artistic turn of mind, and fine painting and decorating came naturally to him, so that he is now one of the most artistic carriage painters to be found anywhere.

He is also an accomplished vocal and instrumental musician and teacher.

One incident in his early life is, perhaps, worth relating. It is this: that when a boy of ten years of age he shot at a wild turkey in a tall treetop with a ten-penny nail for a bullet and a match for a gun cap, and killed it.

He received a common school education and has put it to good use, as he is well informed on all the leading social and political topics of the day.

Joel B. John was married to Nellie Hill of Marion, Indiana, on the 23rd day of November, 1878. Two children were the result of this marriage,—a son and daughter,—Harley C. and Lewie M.

After he was married he lived in Grant County, Indiana, 21 years, when he emigrated with his family to Riverside, California, where they have resided since 1899. He is doing well and prospering financially. He is not a professor of religion, but leads a strictly moral life.

HETTIE BINKLEY

As the foregoing fifty-five pages have been devoted to the fifth generation from our first progenitor, Nicholas John, we will now proceed to give a statistical and biographical sketch of the membership of the John family who belong to the sixth generation. We regret that we cannot give a biographical sketch of ALL the members of this generation, owing to the fact that we failed to get answers to a great many of the circulars sent out. We will, however, do the best we can.

The first in line of birth, then, of the sixth generation are the children of John John, as described on page 47 of this book. And there is only one child in this family that we can get any information of, aside from mere statistics of births and deaths.

Hettie John, the ninth child of John and Nancy John, was born near Philipsburg, Ohio, on July 25, 1852, consequently at this writing is 52 years of age. After she arrived at womanhood she contracted a marriage with William A. Binkley, at Philipsburg, Ohio. Two children were born unto them, namely: Cora May, October 12, 1871, and Oscar J., April 25, 1875.

Mrs. Binkley has been a farmer's wife all her married life, till within the last few years, when they retired to the city with a competence, to enjoy the fruits of hard labor in the evening of their lives.

They are both Christians, and are members of the United Brethren Church, and Republicans in politics.

LYDIA CREAGER

The next in order of descent are the children of Polly Landis, who is described on page 56 of this volume. There are eight children yet alive of this family, but we have only a limited history of three of them, aside from the mere statistics of births.

The eldest of these three children, Mrs. Lydia Creager, of North Manchester, Indiana, was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, on July 24, 1854. After attaining her majority she was united in marriage to Frank Creager.

They have lived on a farm at North Manchester, Indiana, for many years, and have been quite successful in their calling.

They have had three children born unto them, as follows: Pearl, born November 30, 1877. Jessie, born October 8, 1882. Marie, born January 26, 1897. These children are all living, but we have no other particulars of them.

Lydia and her husband are both Christians, and members of the Progressive Brethren Church. In politics they are Democrats.

SARAH MILLER

Mrs. Sarah Miller, the seventh child of Polly Landis, was born in Philipsburg, Ohio, September 15, 1855. During her girlhood days, she, with her parents, emigrated to the State of Indiana, where she grew to womanhood, and was married to Esta Miller of North Manchester, Indiana, where they still reside.

TUDY HAINER

Sarah is the mother of six children, all living but the second one. Their names are as follows: Mittie, born February, 1880. Charles, born in 1882, (dead). Cassie, born March, 1884. Frank, born March, 1886. Ruth, born January, 1888. Dorsey, born January, 1890.

This family have made farming their occupation nearly all their lives. They are honored members of the German Baptist Church.

TUDA HAINER

We will now attempt to give a short biographical sketch of the tenth child of Polly Landis, whose name is Tuda Hainer. She was born January 14, 1861, in Montgomery County, Ohio. Her parents soon emigrated to Wayne County, Indiana, where she grew to womanhood. She afterwards mar-

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ried S. A. Hainer, and settled at New Sidney, Indiana. They have made farming their life employment.

Three children were the result of this marriage---one daughter and two sons, as follows: Bessie, born March 27, 1884. Ray, born May 4, 1886. George, born September 12, 1895.

This family have been successful farmers, and have laid by a competence for old age.

These people are Christians, and beloved members of the German Baptist Church. Their political persuasion is prohibition, and they are trying to make the world better by their example.

CHILDREN OF MARY ANN LANDIS

The next in regular order of descent are

the children of Mary Ann Landis, which - it will be observed by referring to page 59 of this book--consisted of fourteen children, eight of whom are yet living; but we have no details at hand, except that they are all married and are raising families to help populate the world. Lydia, the youngest daughter, is living at Andrews, Indiana.

The above are all the particulars that we can gather of this large and interesting family.

OLIVER JOHN

The next in the direct order of descent are the children of David M. John, whose record will be found on page 50.

The eldest son, Oliver, was born in Wayne County, Indiana, near Hagerstown, on

March 28, 1842. When he was about ten years old he emigrated with his parents to Huntington County, Indiana.

After he arrived at manhood he was united in marriage to Sarah A. Zent, by whom he has had five children--three sons and two daughters, all living except the oldest son. Their names and date of births are as follows: Edwin M., born August 10, 1863. Jennie M., born March 18, 1865. Charles C., born October 24, 1867. Ella A., born November 28, 1872, and D. W. John, born July 7, 1875.

Oliver John is now a retired farmer and lives in Roanoke City, Indiana, owning a farm near that place of 158 acres, the result of economy, hard labor and good management. This man is a Republican in politics, but not particularly partisan in his views. He is a Christian and a member of the United Brethren Church.

JACOB W. JOHN

Jacob W. John, second son of David M. John, was born near Hagerstown, Indiana, on December 18, 1843, consequently is 61 years of age at this writing.

When yet a small boy his parents emigrated to Huntington County, Indiana, where he grew to manhood, in the wilds of that new, and, at that time, swampy, forlorn country, with the usual privations incident to that condition of things. But he managed to secure a fair education, and when he arrived at manhood was already on the road to prosperity, and successfully overcame all the obstacles that threatened his onward march to a useful and profitable life.

In early manhood he was married to a most estimable young lady—Amanda Zent. Four children were the result of this mar-

riage---two sons and two daughters. The names and dates of birth of his children are as follows: William H., born May 26, 1867. Frank H., born April 25, 1869. Cora May, born June 18, 1871, and Adna John, born April 14, 1879. Cora May died at the age of 21 years.

This man is a Republican in politics and quite partisan in his views, the result of which has made him quite popular in the county in which he lives, having frequently been elected to very responsible positions in the county.

He is well informed on all social and historical subjects, a great reader, and is an all around intelligent and useful man in the community.

When he was a young man of 20 years he enlisted in the army, from March 1, 1864, to November 5, 1865. He was honorably discharged from Company E, 47th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers.

After being discharged from the army he returned to his widowed mother, on the old homestead, and on the 29th day of April, 1866, he was married as above narrated.

After having lived with his wife in happy union 27 years, she died. And in November, 1904, he was again united in marriage, this time to a woman named Bridge.

On January 1, 1899, he retired from public life, and is now looking after his own private interests, in which he has been moderately successful—owning a good farm of $71\frac{1}{2}$ acres adjoining the city of Roanoke, and another of 186 acres, three miles out from town, besides a good deal of other property in one shape and another.

He has been a member of the United Brethren Church for thirty years, having held all the offices therein that a lay member is eligible to, and is loved and respected by all who know him.

SARAH A. MYERS

The eldest daughter of David M. John, Sarah A., was born November 12, 1845, near Hagerstown, Indiana. When she was yet a young girl, her parents emigrated to Huntington County, Indiana, where she grew to womanhood. She attended the primitive schools of that new country, and secured a limited education for the short time in which she was permitted to attend, for when but ^{3 weeks and 3} twelve years, one month, and three days old she was united in marriage to Levi Myers, by whom she had seven children, three of whom died in childhood.

The names and dates of births of those living are as follows: Mrs. Jennie Henderson, who resides in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and has four children. Mrs. Chesley Bone, resides in North Manchester, Indiana, she has no children. Clarence Myers, resides in North Manchester, and is not yet married,

and J. F. Myers, also single, and living with his mother at Liberty Mills, Indiana. In the winter of 1904-5 this young man came to California to visit the country, and was employed in the Santa Fe R. R. office in San Bernardino. He is a bright, intelligent young man of 21 years of age.

THOMAS J. JOHN

The seventh child of David M. John, namely: Thomas J. John, was born in Huntington County, Indiana, on May 11, 1855. Thomas received a fairly good education at the primary schools in the neighborhood. At the age of 21 years he was united in marriage to Alice C. Sivihart, and settled near North Manchester, Wabash County, Indiana. Three children are the result of this marriage, namely: Edith, born July 24, 1877. Mabel, born August 25, 1879.

and Lewis, born July 15, 1881. Edith, the oldest of these children, died in infancy.

Thomas John is quite a business man. Possessed of an undaunted Christian character, makes him one of the leading men in the community. He is a farmer by occupation, and also deals in live stock—buying and selling on the market.

Through good economy, and close attention to business, he has accumulated quite a competence in the shape of a good farm, well stocked, with all the comforts and conveniences of a well-ordered homestead.

He is also a politician (and we never knew a John that was not), but not particularly partisan, but always votes the Republican ticket. He is also a member of the Christian Church.

CALVIN N. JOHN

The next and youngest son of David M. John, is Calvin N., who was born November 19, 1858, in Huntington County, Indiana. After having received a common school education, and when about 22 years of age, was married to Lettie Ulrey, and settled in Kosciusko County, Indiana, where he is now living. Three children were born to this union. All living at this date. Their names and dates of birth are as follows: Ethel B., born January 14, 1881. Geraldine M., born July 6, 1883, and Albert N., born May 6, 1885.

This man is a good citizen, and loved and respected by his neighbors. He is a farmer by occupation, and stockman by profession, and has been moderately successful in his calling. He is a member of the Progressive Brethren Church.

NANCY E. HARVEY

The next in the regular order of descent are the children of Lewis B. John, who is mentioned on page 54. There is only one child living of this family—the eldest—Nancy Ellen. The other three died while young.

Nancy E. was born in Henry County, Indiana, on January 21, 1852. After she grew to womanhood was married to Randolph H. Harvey, by whom she had two children: Emma, born January 13, 1872, and Charles J., born May 24, 1873. Emma died on October 9, 1892, at the age of 20 years, 8 months and 16 days.

After marriage she emigrated with her husband to Sedgwick, Kansas, where they have since resided. This is all the information we can get of this family.

The next in the regular order of descent would have been a description of the chil-

dren of Joseph John, but we have no statistics other than those found on page 61 of this volume.

MATTIE WATKINS

The next in the regular order of succession that we have any biography of is Mattie Watkins, daughter of Elizabeth Sessler, who was the second daughter of James John.

Mattie Sessler was born in Botetourt County, Virginia, on July 12, 1861. When she grew to womanhood was united in marriage to a Mr. Watkins, of Troutville, Virginia. We are not informed whether she has raised a family or not. They are in good financial circumstances, as are all her brothers and sisters, whose statistics will be found on page 63. From what we can

learn of them they are all Christians, and helping to make the world better.

The above are all the statistics we have of all the grandchildren of James John, except what is found on pages 61 to 68.

ELEAZAR E. JOHN

Eleazar E. John is the oldest son of John John, whose history is given on page 68. Eleazar was born at McDonald's Mills, Virginia, on August 3, 1856. In his boyhood days he received a fair education, and when he arrived at manhood was united in marriage to Margaret Coon, by whom he had seven children, of whom one died in infancy. Their names and dates of births are as follows: Dewey E., born April 27, 1884. Frank P., born September 27, 1885. Nancy M., born June 25, 1887. Griffith M.,

born March 25, 18—, Olin J., born March 7, 1895. Ruth, born May 1, 1898.

After marriage this man and family emigrated to Leeton, Missouri, where they have since resided. He is a blacksmith by employment and a minister of the Gospel by profession, and a member of the Dunkard Church. A Democrat in politics, but not a politician. A blacksmith by trade, as was his father and grandfather, and he is now passing it on down the line to his son Dewey John. Let it be noticed, as we are passing, that a majority of the John family are artisans of some kind.

Eleazar is in good circumstances financially and growing up with the country and is destined to make his mark by making the world better by him having lived in it.

The statistics of the brothers and sisters of Eleazar will be found on page 70.

JAMES B. JOHN

We will now give a brief description of the oldest son of William John, as mentioned on page 71, namely, James B. John, who was born in Roanoke County, Virginia, on December 23, 1856. While yet quite young he emigrated with his mother to Huntington County, Indiana, to where his father had preceded them, and where he has ever since resided.

After receiving an education, and arriving at manhood, he was married to Leona A. Rager. Two children are the result of this marriage, namely, Marie, born June 25, 1887, and J. Donald, born May 20, 1895.

James B. is a clerk in a furniture house in Huntington, Indiana, and has been fairly successful financially. In politics he votes the Democratic ticket.

EDNA PLASTERER

The other child of William John — namely, Edna, was born in Huntington, Indiana, and has ever since resided in that town.

When she reached womanhood was united in marriage to Frank S. Plasterer. They have no children.

CHARLES R. JOHN

Charles R. John, the only child of William and Martha J. John, was born in Independence, Grant County, Indiana, on September 27, 1866, and lived with his parents until 1891, removing with them when they came to California, starting from Independence September 7, 1885. Shortly after arriving in Riverside, California, he apprenticed himself at a weekly wage of \$5 in the printing office of the Riverside Valley Echo, a weekly paper.



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In less than three years he had acquired a fair knowledge of the business, and was drawing a salary of \$15 per week, the average paid at that time for full-fledged printers. The proprietors of the Echo soon bought out the Riverside Daily Press, and continued the two papers. Charles worked in the Press office for about five years.

It was during his connection with the Press that he courted and won Anna Edith Best, daughter of James W. and Jane Comstock Best, both reared in the Methodist faith, as well as their ancestors as far back as memory reaches.

Anna, the only daughter, the youngest of three children, was born August 21, 1872, on a farm about two miles east of Liberty Mills, Wabash County, Indiana, her two brothers, Ralph W. and Raymond C., being her seniors by 9 and 4 years, respectively. All three children finished their education at Depauw University, the boys

graduating and Anna leaving for a year's vacation in California, intending to return, but made some change in her plans after meeting the one to whom she afterwards plighted her troth.

James W. Best, Anna's father, was of Scotch-English extraction, and was born in Bracken County, Kentucky, in 1836, and her mother, Jennie Comstock, was born near Bristol, Wayne County, Ohio, in 1835. They were married October 23, 1862.

After a courtship beginning November, 1890, Charles R. John and Anna E. Best were married December 31, 1891, at the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Riverside, California, by Dr. W. A. Wright, the wedding being public.

Three children are still living that have been born as a result of this union: Dora Pauline, born November 6, 1892. Elsie Marguerite, born October 9, 1895, and Clarence William, born April 4, 1897.

In January, 1895, Charles accepted a situation on the Reflex, a weekly paper published in Riverside, where he became foreman at a salary of \$21 per week, but soon became anxious for further progress, and after a couple of years as foreman bought a half interest in the paper on which he was employed, becoming a partner of J. P. Baumgartner on January 1, 1895. His partnership lasted for about a year and a half, when a division of the office was made, Charles taking the job department, which he conducted for a little more than two years, making a good living at the business.

He afterwards sold his office, and associated himself with his cousin, W. S. Collins, in the real estate business. This venture proved a very successful one, the building of houses and selling them on the installment plan being their principal line of business. His partnership lasted about

two years, ending October 5, 1901. After a short partnership with I. W. Gleason he decided to conduct the business alone and met with a fair measure of success.

During the year 1904 the subject of this sketch became interested in the formation of a bank at Banning, California, and subscribed for a small block of its stock, and was successful in inducing some of his friends to take an interest in the undertaking. At the first meeting of stockholders he was made a member of the board of directors and was asked by them to assume the duties of the cashiership, which he accepted and is filling at this writing. He owns considerable property in Banning, as well as Riverside and other places, but he considers Banning his home, and he with his family has become identified with the varied interests of the place.

Every life has embodied in its character that which if the biographer has any power of delineation can be given so accurately that the picture is more real than any that can be taken with the camera. But an accurate pen-picture cannot always be given that will be complimentary to the one whose biography is being written. It will be the writer's purpose to give this sketch as little coloring as possible, so that it may be recognized as a true picture by those who know him.

Charles R. John obtained what little education he possesses in the public schools of his native town, and afterwards what he could pick up acting in the capacity of "devil" in the printing office. He constantly feels his own limitation in the matter of education, and especially is this true when he is privileged the association of men far his superiors with whom sometimes chance happens to throw him. He

naturally tries to make the best of the situation, but quite often it results disastrously, much to the amusement of the listeners and the humiliation and chagrin of himself. No one realizes this defect more than he does, and the reader little realizes the annoyance and suffering it gives him, not only because of his own limitations, but because of the continually manifested by those he would otherwise have classed as friends.

Each life has some particular characteristic which makes it different from other lives. Charles is in a measure selfish - gives himself too much thought for his own comfort and convenience. Much as he tries to keep this in the background, it might truly be said to be one of the dominating traits of his character. Another, and yet one akin to this - for both are often combined in the same person - is that there exists an element of stinginess in his make-up that is perhaps one of the most detest-

able and meanest traits which he possesses. His association with people of all classes has taught him how despicable this really is, and by a very painful effort this, too, he attempts to hide.

He is in a measure reserved and is never fond of contention. He lacks the force of character to stand up and fight for a given principle where the odds are against him. Like too many "weak spinners" he will not get out in the battle of life and wage warfare against an evil where he is in the minority. In any business proposition where a difference of opinion obtains and hot and bitter words are spoken he will meet them with a seeming coolness or silence; and while it might be said to his credit he will forgive the one making the hasty speech, but will take advantage of what is said in making future plans in any business undertaking for a closer alliance with those not able to control tongue or

temper. And while this latter element of his character might seem on the face of it laudable, this spirit is not the kind that is needed in the world today; for it is the spirit of antagonizing a wrong--the principle of taking a stand for what is believed to be right, though all the world oppose, that should dominate in each life.

The subject of this sketch has acquired some little ability in the art of money making, but this is perhaps the easiest of any acquirement worth mentioning. How little and insignificant is the ability to make money compared with that required to write a poem like "Thanatopsis" or "The Chambered Nautilus," or to be able to frame the English language into speech in such a manner as to inspire among men a higher aspiration for nobler, purer life, and the building of a strong Christian character.

Charles R. is a man slightly under the average in size—weighs about 125 pounds, and is 5 feet 4 inches in height. He is an Independent Republican in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having joined that organization when about 10 years of age.

ANNA MAIN

Anna, eldest daughter of David and Emma John, was born at Point Isabel, Grant County, Indiana, on August 9, 1874. She lived with her parents until she was twenty-two years of age, when the most important event of her life came, and she was married to Robert J. Main, of Swayzee, Indiana, who owns and operates a glass jar manufactory in that place. He is highly connected, and is a man of ability and worth.

Anna, during her girlhood days, acquired a common school and musical education, and she used her talents to practical benefit by serving as organist of the Methodist Church of the town in which she was raised. After marriage she, with her husband, removed to Swayzee, Indiana. Subsequently two children were born unto them. The eldest a son, Russell W., born November 16, 1897. The second a son, Benjamin F., born April 4, 1900.

In the winter of 1903-4 Anna visited California with her sister in search of health and to visit friends. After remaining several months her health seemed to improve very perceptibly, but after she returned to her home in Indiana she again went into a decline, and on October 25, 1904, after a lingering illness, bade farewell to her husband, children and friends, and passed over to try the realities of the spiritual world.

A person's virtues are scarcely ever valued at their proper worth until they have passed from us; then we can see their goodness and virtues as in a kaleidoscope. Not, however, that we then over-estimate them, but we can then see them more as they really are, because self and prejudice have then altogether been eliminated, and with broken hearts and streaming eyes we see their purity and goodness with a clearer vision.

Anna did not only discharge the duties of a wife and mother merely, but worked with a loving heart for the good of others and for that intimate interest that is produced by the union of love and duty. Her every action was in the way of justice and good fellowship toward all her friends and neighbors, and they always received a kind consideration from her hands. She was brave and strong mentally, and we hoped

for her return to health, but Providence decreed otherwise, and it is a joy to her, no doubt, to be at peace and rest.

Hers had been a life of the most perfect devotion to her husband's ideals and efforts. If, in her girlhood days, or during her married life, she ever had a selfish feeling, no one ever detected it. All her thoughts were centered on making her family and friends happy, and the best way to make her love effective for wisdom and righteousness. No one outside of her immediate family can understand the intense desire of her heart for the good of others, and her deeds of self-sacrifice can be known only to those who saw them from day to day. Some day the world may understand such sacrifices better. It will then know her as one of the best, noblest and most generous friends of our time. It will know her as one of the most loyal and most devoted of wives and mothers. What she did was al-

ways the best she could do. Wise, devoted, steadfast, prudent, patient and just, every good word we can use was hers by right. The men and women and children of the community feel the loss, not alone as one of the most generous helpers, but of the nearest and dearest of friends.

Anna was a loyal and true member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and used her kind influence in bringing her sister and others into the same relationship. Her little boys will not forget her Christian influence as they grow to manhood, and they will some day look up in reverie and say: Blessed mother.

PEARL JOHN

The second daughter of David and Emma John, namely, Pearl John, was born at Point Isabel, Grant County, Indiana, on

July 27, 1877. She is living with her parents in single blessedness, having been, as we suppose, a little too particular, as a young lady of her character and ability and worth, is never left desolate only from choice.

We can say of Pearl that she is a rather stout and handsome young lady, very bright and intelligent, has a good common school education, and possessed of good business qualities, and has the ability, no doubt, to make any gentleman happy who would be the fortunate recipient of her affections.

Pearl, like all persons, has her hours of depressions and discouragements—that her life is a failure. We imagine she often says mentally, “I soar to no heights, I dig to no depths; I have nothing but dull mediocrity. Time is passing and I have done nothing with my life; I do my daily routine of business, and it is always the same old grind.”

The married woman, no matter how much she loves her husband and children, often feels that she has become the victim of dull routine, and that the precious hours are passing and she is not getting the most out of life.

The unmarried woman, on the other hand, feels that unless she marries and raises a family she is not fulfilling woman's highest vocation. And there you are.

Fortunately, however, these are only phases of emotion. "The world goes up and the world goes down, and sunshine follows the rain," and such phases are good for us if they stir us up and move us to further effort.

Unfortunately any routine work grows monotonous, and most of woman's work is routine. The majority of them are called upon to do the same work day in and day out. Is it any wonder, then, that they grow discouraged and feel that they are

not making the most of themselves? But some one must do the small things in life, they are quite as important as the large ones. If you know anything about bees you will know that it is the every day little working bee that gathers the honey, not the queen bee.

The girl who is doing well the work that comes before her, and that seems so unimportant, is doing the best work of all, and fitting herself nobly for some greater task should she ever be called upon.

These reflections are not for Pearl only, and quite possibly do not all apply to her, but any girl who happens to read this may gather some thoughts for encouragement.

We will further say of Pearl that she is of a very amiable and quiet disposition. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is loved and respected by all who know her for her charitable and pleasant disposition.

FERRIS JOHN

Ferris, the youngest and only son of David and Emma John, was born in their old age on August 12, 1895. Consequently is yet too young to display very many of his characteristics, yet it can be seen that he, as other children, is full of life and has a tendency to display his independence, which, however, may be the result of being a child of their old age and only son, and he is, no doubt, their petted one.

Trained in the proper channel, Ferris is destined to become an honor to the family and a useful member of society. He is an apt scholar, as much by observation and keeping his eyes and ears open, as under the teacher's training.

Ferris, like all other boys of today, is about ten years older at the same age than they were fifty years ago, and he has much more liberty. It is to his credit that, as a rule, he uses his opportunities sensibly, and

although he is apt to be a little boisterous and to have a certain contempt for laws, especially his father's laws, his enthusiasm is genuine, and his methods are clear and above board. He will run from his father, but will seldom lie to him when caught,

The old people continually deplore the forwardness of the children of this day and generation. Some old maids have written books about it. But "as sure as shooting" the next generation will be more forward than the one that is now coming on. The American boy takes no step backward—he is increasing his record every year. Education comes easier to him now than it did fifty years ago. Travel is open to him; the world seems smaller. All things aid him in this course. Inventions has made miracles tame and his powers of credulity are never strained. Even the thrilling three-ring circus scarcely causes him to lift an eyebrow.

ALVA A. NESBITT

The next person to claim our attention is Alva Nesbitt, the eldest son of Darius and Mary Ann Nesbitt, whose biography is given on page 93.

Alva Nesbitt was born in Grant County, Indiana, on September 26, 1867. As soon as he became old enough he was initiated into the mysteries of farming, except in the winters when he attended the public schools of the neighborhood, after which he attended high school and received a college education. After completing his education he was united in marriage to Eva Thompson, on December 22, 1888.

Four children are thus far the result of this union, namely: Mabel, born October 6, 1889. Genevieve, born May 7, 1891. Lucilla, born October 19, 1895, and a younger child whose statistics are not at hand.

Alva is a man of considerable business ability and has already accumulated quite a little fortune—owning three or four hundred acres of a good farm in one of the richest sections of Grant County, Indiana. Stock raising and selling is his principal forte, such as sheep, hogs and cattle, while his good wife attends to raising the chickens, turkeys etc., also pailing the old bossies, and overseeing the domestic side of the house generally.

Alva is one of those kind of men who is charitable, open-hearted and full of business, a great worker at common labor, and a man of energy, pluck and endurance.

The great majority of the wrecks of humanity are men who could not, or perhaps would not, humble their pride to common labor. There is no more pitiable spectacle on earth than a man who is so weak as to acknowledge that he is unable to earn a living, provided, of course, that he is not a

cripple. The successful men of today are those who are willing to "buckle down to it," no obstacle is too great for them to overcome. They do not wait for anybody to do their work for them, no matter what it is; if it is to be done, they do it themselves. With these men there is no question of long hours or holidays; they are willing to deny themselves these things when there is important work in hand. The poorest man in town is sometimes the proudest when it comes to going to work. He is perfectly willing to let his wife or any of his relatives do the "providing," and he can always be on hand at meal time.

BENJAMIN F. NESBITT

The second son of Darins and Mary Ann Nesbitt, namely, Benjamin F., was also born

in Grant County, Indiana, on January 9, 1870. He attended the country schools of the neighborhood until he became far enough advanced in his studies to enter college. After securing a diploma, unlike his older brother, he entered the professional field, and chose the calling of civil engineering.

After working at that business a number of years he became anxious for further progress, and established a steel bridge manufactory at Vincennes, Indiana, in which business he is very successful. After being thus established the most important event of his life came, when he was united in marriage to a young lady of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Benjamin F. commands the respect and esteem of all who know him for integrity and honest and square dealing. He is also possessed of an unusual amount of executive ability and fore-sightedness. How much the world owes to such men it is difficult to

estimate, but they are never valued at their real worth; we can scarcely overestimate their value when we compute it in dollars and cents.

It is futile to lay down general laws for the business man; folly to apply them to individuals. Yet the "dead line" heresy has been accepted as gospel by so many people that it is worth following up. Undoubtedly there is a dead line. Some men have already passed it at thirty; others never reach it till they follow the clergyman first out of church. But every man has crossed it when he feels that he knows his business and can depend on his knowledge.

A young business man is naturally in touch with the new methods of trade as they come to him in these rapid times; but the older one who keeps up with them is his equal and his superior by the weight of his added experience. It's what a man

is learning and doing, not what he knows and has done, that is the key to success. The ability to see new conditions and to meet them is the secret of a man's power in the world today. And so long as a man has that ability, the years count for nothing. You can draw a dead line behind him, but you can't catch and push him over it.

FLORA E. BROWN

Flora E., the third child and only daughter of Darius and Mary Ann Nesbitt, was born in Grant County, Indiana, on November 19, 1871. During her girlhood days she attended the common schools of the neighborhood and received a fair education. At the age of twenty-five years she was united in marriage to Dr. C. N. Brown of

Fairmount, Indiana. Two children were the result of this marriage, namely: Virgil and Francis. The latter died at the age of seven months and twenty-four days.

After having lived with her husband in Fairmount, Indiana, over six years, she died, having contracted that dread disease, consumption. Her husband and parents did all that was possible for her return to health. In the winter and spring of 1903 she, with her parents, visited Phoenix, Arizona, hoping that the climate would have a salutary effect and bring relief, but the disease had too great a hold on her, and after about six months she went back home and lingered about a year, when death relieved her of her sufferings.

Edith was one of those amiable, loving kind of women that her neighbors loved to respect and honor. She was ever ready to give a helping hand to those in need, and many are the charitable deeds that she did.

She will long be remembered as an obedient daughter, a loving wife and a good mother. Her acts of charity were numerous, and the recipients thereof will doubtless remember her as an unselfish, loving friend. Her little boy, if he lives, will cherish a life-long respect and love for the only one in the world that he can look up to and truly say, mother.

The following paragraph is an extract from the "In Memoriam" at the time of her death:

"She died just as life's journey touches noon, with a never-failing trust in Him who doeth all things well, but with a longing to stay with us and help us, and ripen like the golden grain in the full and rounded measure of man's allotted time. You have gone from us, but in the lessons that you taught you will still live on, and great will be the harvest from the precious truths you have sown. Oh, Edith, there is no balm

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for us but in the memory of your loving words and Christian life: 'I do not want to die; I'm not afraid to go.' These were her words, and oh, we feel that you did not die, but passed from earth and entered into the joys of the Lord."

She was a loyal and true member of the Christian Church, and her Christian character and influence for good will bear fruit long after the world has forgotten her.

JOHN L. NESBITT

John L., the third son of Darius and Mary Ann Nesbitt, was born in Grant County, Indiana, on May 28, 1875. He learned the art of farming while a boy, and attended the primary schools, and when he arrived at young manhood entered college and graduated. When he returned home he was united in marriage to Esta Leisure

of Swayzee, Indiana. He afterwards moved to Indianapolis, Indiana. He is now employed in teaching, also perfecting himself in civil engineering, of which employment he will probably make his life work.

John L., like his older brothers, is full of energy, and there is no obstacles over which he thinks he cannot climb, yet we all are liable to mistakes; for instance, a taste for mathematics is sometimes mistaken for a genius in civil engineering, which demands in its every step the exercise of a sound and level-headed judgment of affairs. No progress can be made in the higher walks of this profession without that capacity to manage men, which is generally termed executive ability.

Every year witnesses a material elevation of the educational average of civil engineering, and it seems merely a question of time when a civil engineer, especially in the rail-

road service, who has not had the advantage of a college education, or of a thorough course in a technical school, will be practically unknown.

Let us place especial emphasis upon one qualification which will accomplish wonders for the young engineer, and win him promotion above men of more brilliant talents. This priceless quality is absolute and unswerving loyalty to his immediate superior. Like charity, this will cover a multitude of shortcomings, and stand him in the severest emergencies.

Aside from this, the railroad engineer must be a practical man if he would succeed in the railroad field, and that ability, level-headed business judgment and sound "horse sense" are the qualities which will determine his success.

ELMER C. AND EDGAR D. NESBITT

The next two boys of Darius and Mary Ann Nesbitt are Elmer C. and Edgar D., twins. They were born in Grant County, Indiana, on May 3, 1885, and are now just arriving at young manhood. They have been very faithful in attending the common schools of the neighborhood during the winter months and working on their father's farm during the summers, developing the physical side of their nature.

These two boys are models of "Young America," honest, moral, upright, just, truthful and conscientious to a marked degree; always, when possible, working together, seeming to love each other's society better because of their being twins. But their similarity does not stop there; their features are very similar, the writer having had the pleasure of their society for nearly a month and yet was not able to distinguish one from the other.

These two boys, like their older brothers, will receive a college education, and will return with their diplomas, ready to fight life's battles in an intelligent way. Under the more favorable conditions that prevail today, boys are not compelled to commence their life work at so early an age as were the boys of a generation ago, and so have more years of school behind them.

Whether our present-day system of education is an improvement upon that taught forty years ago, in the little log school-house, is a debatable question. The graduate of today has a little knowledge of a great many things, but is usually lacking in the common rules that are absolutely necessary to be well learned and thoroughly understood if he would be successful in a business calling.

The boy of forty years ago was not permitted to forget his rules. The work of

mental and higher arithmetic was so drilled into him and made of such great importance that when he began the battle of life, even at a tender age, he was provided with a foundation upon which he could build. Yet the boy of today and we boys of a generation ago are alike in this: in having ample opportunities for self-education. He who considers that his days for education are ended when he passes out of school has already started on the road to failure; what little he has learned will soon fly from him. But he who continues to prize his books, and goes on with his study, aiming for a definite and distinct purpose, will, as the years roll on, find himself able to meet all competition in his own chosen line.

The young man who starts out in business must not overlook the little and seemingly trivial things, for they are the very

essentials that lead to advancement. They seem so trivial that they make no impression at the time, but when one looks back in after years, he sees that his steps were turned by some trifling thing, just as a little pebble just at the right spot decides the course of a river.

The object in writing the above is to show that a good education, intelligently handled, will pay in dollars and cents; a young man is measured by his intelligence, and now, as in every year since the world began, "Knowledge is Power."

VERLIN S. NESBITT

The seventh and youngest child of Darius and Mary Ann Nesbitt, namely, Verlin S., was born in Grant County, Indiana, on December 21, 1890.

Verlin is now attending the common schools of the neighborhood, and will, no doubt, like his brothers, receive a college education. He is a smart, intelligent boy, and the pet of the family.

Two of the first things we should remember about Verlin are his frankness and honesty. It is the inestimable value of these very qualities—the qualities of innocence, of faith, of confidence, of high honesty. These are qualities which, in human character, are worth all the wisdom of the world. They are the qualities which in spite of itself keeps the world young.

Verlin comes into the activities of the world fresh from his mother's knee. The Lord's Prayer is, perhaps, fresh in his mind, his mother taught it to him. The story of Washington and the cherry tree is still in his heart, his mother taught that to him. A beautiful honor controls all his actions,

his mother taught him that honor. The confidence that God is just and that success is surely his if he will but do right beautifies all his actions, it is the influence of a mother's love and teaching.

BLANCHE JOHN

The next in the regular order of descent are the children of John V. John, who is described on page 95. Blanche, the oldest child and only daughter, was born in Grant County, Indiana, on December 4, 1886. She received a common school education, but is rather better educated than most common school students, owing to the fact that she is smart, alert, quick-witted and full of practical business.

Blanche, like all other girls, has her dark and gloomy days, but she realizes that every cloud has a silver lining, and

instead of moping as some do, she looks forward to "a brighter day a-coming."

She is still living in single blessedness with her parents, and but for the fact that she is holding her ideal a little too high she might have had a nice home of her own,—many are the surrounding farmer boys who would be proud to be the recipients of her affections if she would show them adequate encouragement. As it is, Blanche will probably pull through life alone, unless, indeed, she should emigrate to California and lower her flag to half-mast,—then she would soon have an army of admirers around her, because she is naturally attractive, well-informed on almost any subject, and has the general bearing that most well-bred young men admire in a lady.

Blanche's most prominent trait of character is her kindness. And if we all would see the point and exhibit more kindness

to others,—and now I mean commonplace, inexpensive kindness,—we cannot imagine how much of the weariness of life would disappear. Even a shake of the hand or a friendly greeting will cheer the troubled soul on life's dreary way. Take trouble to render little services; great ones may never appear, and if they did, you would, perhaps, not be able to render them. It is the little kindnesses that sends a person on his way rejoicing. Both the giver and the recipient are blessed by the act. And the day is coming when these modest and nameless deeds of kindness shall all be written to our credit before angels and men, for behold the traveler to whom we gave our cup of cold water is now Judge upon the throne, for inasmuch as we did it to the least of these we did it unto Christ.

RALPH JOHN

The second child and only son of John V. John, namely, Ralph, was born in Grant County, Indiana, on May 31, 1890.

Master Ralph is a live, wide-awake boy; full of fun and very observant, and his well-being in the future will only be envied by his circumstances. He is attending the schools of the neighborhood, and will, no doubt, make a useful citizen.

Ralph is just merging into young manhood, and takes the place of the hired man on the farm.

He is very sophisticated—takes things as they are without murmuring or complaining and has a knack for bringing them around to his own advantage. He is also very modest in his bearing, and dignified in his demeanor, one would not think him "one of the boys" unless well acquainted with him. Modesty, however, is a virtue

that we all should be proud to possess, but unfortunately, like some other things we can be so extremely modest as to cast a gloom on our friends and make our own lives wretched. There is a happy medium to be observed in modesty as well as dignity, which latter is the manliness of a man rightly balanced.

EVA PRISCILLA JOHN

The next in the regular order of succession are the children of Henry C. John, who is described on page 96.

Eva P., who was the daughter and only child of Henry C. John by his first wife' was born in Grant County, Indiana, on October 9, 1874. When she was a year and a half old her mother died. Two years afterward her father was married a second time, and Eva P. had a step-mother, with whom she

lived till young womanhood, when she contracted that dread disease, consumption, and died at the age of 19 years. She was noted for her bright, sunny, genial and lively disposition, and made friends wherever she went. She never knew a gloomy day while health was good, and her friends were numbered by the score. Friendship, cheerfulness and geniality were hers by nature, and even when the disease was preying upon her vitality she did not cease to be cheerful until too weak to exhibit her real nature, when death came and relieved her of suffering.

We should take an example from her bright and cheerful disposition. How much brighter would the world be to us and those around us if we would all exhibit more cheerfulness?

Many are the gloomy days of life,—they are, perhaps, inevitable and irrevocable.

but one has a shrewd idea that life could be made much easier if every one of us bethought himself of his neighbor, and do his little part to cheer him on his road. It is a noticeable fact that life's sorrows do not always arise from the crushing weight of one or two heavy afflictions, but from the hardness, or thoughtlessness, or want of kindness and cheerfulness from our fellow-men.

Cheerfulness is also an antidote for many of the ills of life—has a tendency to make us well. It also drives dull care away and makes life worth living. It is hard to estimate the value of cheerfulness. We cannot possibly lose anything by displaying a disposition of being cheerful, for whatsoever a man soweth that also shall he reap.

CARRIE L. STEWART

The eldest child of Henry C. John by his second wife, namely, Carrie L., was born in Grant County, Indiana, on February 11, 1879. She grew to womanhood and recieved a good common school education, and when at the age of 22 years was united in marriage to Leon Stewart on July 6, 1901. Two children were born to them, Othel V., born May, 1902, and Lowell R., born in August, 1903.

On January 22, 1905, at the age of twenty-five years, eleven months and eleven days, Carrie L. departed this life after a lingering illness of several months.

In her death two small children are bereft of a mother's love and care, and the husband of the presence and companionship of a loving wife.

Her father and mother, three brothers and a large circle of relatives and friends are

left to mourn the loss of one they loved, but not as those who have no hope, because they expect to meet her again in that haven of rest where there will be no more parting. Carrie was an obedient believer in Christ and His Word and rests in the assurance of His promises.

Death to the ordinary mortal is the greatest of all calamities. It is looked upon as the darkness of the future - the endless and depthless abyss, into which all that are living will be as nothing. But with those who have a hope in Christ, death is only the gateway to another life, a life far more brilliant, far more intense,--a life more full of life than this.

Let us all be reminded by Carrie's death that our places will soon be vacant here. May they not be eternally vacant there. Let us all begin a heavenly life here, that we may continue it there, and become the par-

takers of its joys and ever enduring blessedness.

ORREN VESTAL JOHN

The third child and oldest son of Henry C. John, namely, Orren V., was born in Grant County, Indiana, on June 23, 1880. During his boyhood days he was one of the leading schoolboys of the town of Swayzee, Indiana, leading in all the sports of the playground, as well as in his class; thereby receiving a good common-school education.

After arriving at his majority he was employed as druggist clerk in the same town, and is now following that business in the city of Marion, Indiana. During the years 1903-4 he lived in Riverside, California, and was employed at the same business there.

Orren V. is a large, handsome and muscular fellow, well calculated to battle with the practicable problems of life. He has a scientific turn of mind, and appears to be in his element when searching out some problem that is beyond the reach of ordinary men. He is also a good musician, the band horn being his favorite instrument.

This man's efficiency as a druggist and chemist is acknowledged, and he will, no doubt, make that his life employment. If he would be successful as a druggist there is one essential quality that must be cultivated, and that is tact. A man must possess the faculty of winning the confidence of other men, and of making them his friends, if he would be successful in any walk of life. This faculty or gift is born with some people, in others it is acquired. Tact is saying and doing the right thing, at the right time, to the right person.

Tact prevents blunders that would make enemies, but does not necessarily make friends. Tact is the form, but the feeling lies deeper down. To make friends, tact, indeed, must be present, but the heart only can tie the knot of friendship.

To such a young man starting in business, success is just around the corner. In a few years at most she will be overtaken; then comes ease and luxury! The great majority of those in the race however, never catch a glimpse of her, and the ones who lag farthest behind are those whose manners are so cold and forbidding that the men who could and would have helped them, refused, perhaps at the critical moment, from saying the word, or doing the thing, that would have helped them.

Every young man who starts out in business with the competition of life around him should dig deep down into his own soul and learn just what his capacity is to

win the good will of other men. He should be absolutely honest with himself, listening to no flowery tale, but facing the truth fearlessly.

EARL C. JOHN

The second son of Henry C. John, Earl C., was born in Grant County, Indiana, on February 23, 1884, and died on August 4, 1894.

WILLIAM C. JOHN

William C. John, third son of Henry C. John, was born in Grant County, Indiana, on September 30, 1886.

He has attended all the schools at Swayzee, Indiana, ever since he has been old

enough, and has acquired a fine common school education. It can be truthfully said of him that he is a bright, sensible young man, and quite talkative in his manner, but not impertinent, but interesting. He is an apt scholar, and quite a genius, - a fertile brain that laughs at obstacles. He is calculated to make a success of life if his abilities are directed in the right channels. It is not clearly developed yet what his life employment will be, but whatever it is, he will never trust to luck, or chance, or fortune's favors for success, he has too much energy and self-reliance for that. For win what position you may by luck or fortune, you cannot hold it except by capacity and energy. In the keen competition of life a man's claims are adjusted, sooner or later, upon the basis of what he actually is. A great opportunity, therefore, is worth to him exactly what his abilities have enabled him to make

of it. And the only true index of his success is the quality of his work, stamped with honesty and competency. The noble young man depends for his position in life on something which is a part of himself, not upon outside circumstances. Put your strength into the doing of your work, and the question of stability and success will settle itself.

This new century brings to young men unusual opportunities for successful careers, and he will find no gates closed across his path if he has conscientiously trained his head and his hand.

It is easy to do what one is absolute master of. "A good character, good habits, and iron industry, are impregnable to the assaults of all the ill luck that fools ever dreamed of."

HALLIE R. JOHN

The fifth child of this family, namely, Hallie R. John, was born in Grant County, Indiana, on February 1, 1893, and died March 18, 1899.

CLYDE C. JOHN

Clyde C., the youngest child of this family, was also born in Grant County, Indiana, on September 2, 1896. Nothing can be said of him, as his characteristics have not yet been developed, except that he appears to be a bright little fellow, and will, no doubt, develop into a man of some worth.

EDGAR FRANK JOHN

The next in the regular order of descent

are the children of Lewis A. John, who is described on page 98.

Edgar F. was born at Point Isabel, Grant County, Indiana, on February 22, 1878. During his boyhood days he attended the common schools at Point Isabel, and received a fairly good education. Soon after attaining to manhood he was united in marriage to a Miss Miller, near Independence, Indiana.

Frank is a great worker on the farm, works early and late, never spending an idle hour. Laziness is not one of his characteristics! He is also noted for being a teetotaller never having tasted intoxicants in his life; thereby setting a good example to his family and associates. He is destined to make his mark in the world, and it will undoubtedly be better because of his staunch moral principles.

Frank says that if by him abstaining will save even one person from a drunk-

ard's grave, he will be amply repaid for being a temperance man.

Temperance is one of the most noble characteristics we can possess, and Frank knows by observation and close contact that intemperance is the most deadly enemy we can have. It has brought more men to ruin and more wives and children to the verge of starvation than all the famines the world ever knew. It robs the home of an otherwise good father, and puts a demon on the throne where an angel should reign. It not only robs the mother and children of the comforts of life, but takes away the necessities. It robs the father of not only his money, but of his good name and standing in society. It makes demons of angels, and paupers of the wealthy. It fosters idleness, and encourages gambling. It laughs at honesty, and puts dishonesty at a premium. It lifts the veil to rascality, and

puts it to the front. It clouds the perceptions and dulls the intellect. It promises happiness, but delivers us misery. It poisons the brain, and promotes disease. It promises life, but gives us death.

"Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. And at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."

LESLIE E. JOHN

Leslie E., the second son of Lewis A. John was born at Point Isabel, Indiana, on April 12, 1876, and died when two years of age.

CHARLIE C. JOHN

The third son, Charlie C., was born in Grant County, Indiana, on September 28, 1880. His education was confined to the common schools of the neighborhood. Charlie is a wide-awake young man, very industrious, and is not afraid of the common labor of the farm. He, like his older brother, is also a prohibitionist in principle. His characteristic is industry. He would be lost had he not something to occupy his mind and muscle. Every young man is not industrious; comparatively few are built that way. Charlie, however, is an exception, and industry is written upon every feature and action of his life.

Industry is one of the greatest forces in the community. The elements of industry enables a man starting with little or no capital to build up a great fortune; they are of that practical and sturdy sort who are fostered

and developed by hard knocks and grave obstacles until by the time the man has achieved wealth he has also attained the ability to use it to the best practical advantage.

Living for today and letting the future take care of itself is one of the most common causes of failure. A young man should learn to live within his means, and try and lay by something for "a rainy day."

Industry without the ability or inclination to save what he earns is useless. And to see how the average young man wastes both his time and money is appalling! Let industry and good judgment play in each other's hand and the man is sure to win.

ANNA MAY KILGORE

Anna May, the fourth child, and eldest daughter of Lewis A. John, was born near Point Isabel, Grant County, Indiana, on August 26, 1882. She received a common school education. Helping her mother in the domestic duties of the household was her delight outside of school hours. There is nothing light or frivolous about her makeup, and she is of a very quiet and even disposition.

After she arrived at womanhood she was united in marriage to Austin Kilgore, of Swazee, Indiana. Two children are thus far the result of this marriage, namely: Van, and Ivan.—Their full names are not at hand.

Anna's quiet and even disposition would suggest the ability to be a good wife and mother, and her two children will realize,

no doubt, as they grow older, that she is their very best earthly friend.

Sometimes, however, a woman's life, despite her desire to be a good and true wife and mother, is handicapped by the demands and exactions of her husband. These are the times when she finds that he expects her to be a grub and a butterfly, a companion and a cook, an economist and a fashion plate, "a clinging vine, and a tower of strength," all at the same time. Almost every woman can and does fill one of these roles acceptably, and if her husband could be satisfied with one charm of virtue she could make married life interesting enough for him, but when he demands the whole category of charms and virtues all in one person, she necessarily fails.

It is when she contemplates his demands that she feels that she would like to divide her job, and that to really make married life thrilling to a man would require two

wives, one to help the husband make his money, and the other to spend it. One to toil and make him comfortable and take care of the children, the other to always keep young and fresh and beautiful for him to admire.

But it is natural and human for a man to want the earth, and no one need be surprised at him desiring to be married to a woman who will make him a comfortable home, who will be a good mother to his children, and who will always be an entertaining companion, and retain all the graces and good looks of youth.

But before a man demands all this of his wife he ought, in common honesty, to ask himself if he is paying the price for all of this superior line of attractions, and if it is not as much his fault as hers that she does not possess some of the charms he admires. But where the husband has the good sense and good principle as has

Mr. Kilgore, to demand only what is reasonable from his wife,-- where he admires her for her faithfulness, and loyalty, and devotion, instead of criticising her for not being dashing, and witty, and frilly,--married life is never dull, no matter how poor people are, or how hard they have to work. It is only dull when a man expects his wife to be a cart-horse, and to pull more than half of the family load, and yet, at the same time, to be as well groomed and as high spirited as a race-horse.

GOLDA G. JOHN

The youngest daughter of Lewis A. and Nancy John, was born near Point Isabel, Grant County, Indiana, on January 21, 1885. She is a portly young lady, handsome, smart, intelligent, and a good musician for the chance she has had. She is

always found doing something to make herself useful, and is the pet of the family.

It should be noted that she is more than ordinarily good and steady, and the absence of anything like flirtation and giddiness, that is so prevalent among young people, is especially noticed.

During her girlhood days she received a common school education, and is fairly well versed in the common literature of the day, and can talk intelligently upon almost any ordinary subject.

The truth is, Golda is a home girl. Home to her is a very dear place, and she is glad that she has both a mother and a home, for we often hear it said "what is home without a mother." It would only be a stopping place. Then she likes her home where she has liberty and freedom; where she can work, play, sing or rest; where she can prepare her lessons for the morrow. To her home she

may invite her friends, and do so many things dear to her, which she could not do in some other home not her own.

But how few are the young people who appreciate the value of a good home, not until they are deprived of it do they realize its real worth.

HARLEY CLYDE JOHN

The next in the regular order of descent are the children of Joel B. and Nellie John. Harley C., the oldest and only son, was born in Grant County, Indiana, on November 14, 1879. He spent the most of his boyhood days in the common schools until he became old enough to earn his dollar, after which he preferred to work at manual labor than the trying ordeal of securing a diploma in college.

The first part of his young manhood was

spent at Swayzee, Indiana, where he was employed in a large glass jar manufactory until the year 1899, when he, with his parents, removed to Riverside, California, where he has since resided. Since coming to California he has been employed as house painter and decorator, and is a fine mechanic. Harley is also, like his father, a good musician. He is of a quiet turn of mind and very industrious, and is no exception to the rule of the John family of being a genius. He is a medium sized, portly young man, handsome in form and feature, and his moral qualities are above reproach, never getting into difficulties with any one, and is highly esteemed by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Harley is still living in single blessedness, and is making his home with his parents, and one of the most noble of his characteristics is the high esteem he displays for them, especially his mother. Unlike

the most of young men, he shares his earnings with her, and anticipates her needs and desires without even the formula of asking, and this is one of the most noble traits of character that a young man can have. He, no doubt, realizes that he can have but one mother, and as long as she lives he expects to be her dearest and truest friend. Who but a mother can watch by our sick beds night after night and never grow weary, and refuse to leave our side while our lives are in danger? Surely there can be nothing quite so dear this side of Heaven as a mother's love and care.

Harley is naturally a shrewd, business-like man, and never lets an honorable opportunity for turning an honest penny pass without employing it. He is honest and honorable to a marked degree,—perfectly reliable in his contracts and work.

Another of his characteristics is unselfishness, and his noble regard for other's feelings,—he would never say a word, or do an act, however trivial, that would injure any one, or wound their feelings, and always kind and considerate with his companions and helping them in their need. And this is the reason why Harley is so popular with his companions of both sexes, which include nearly all of the honorable young people of Riverside.

Harley has, no doubt, high hopes and a stout heart for the future, and the advice to be given him or any aspirant for an honorable and substantial business career is to marry. Though there is no lack of unhappy marriages, and many failures are the result, it is nevertheless true that a good wife is a blessing and a source of strength in a man's fight for success.

Dress as well as your means will allow. Even be a little extravagant in this regard. Be persistently hopeful, and aim high. Strike a good, brisk, steady pace; look straight ahead, and never let a cheap jest or sneer, a criticism, a mistake or a seeming failure stop you, but march forward over every obstacle, and if you fail to reach the goal at which you aim you will get near enough to it to justify every effort, and if you are square, sincere and charitable in the contest you will find that the game has been well worth the powder, and that it is no small thing to win an honorable place among the plain business men of society.

LEWIE MAY BAUGHN

The second child and only daughter of Joel B. and Nellie John, namely, Lewie M., was born in Grant County, Indiana.

on September 21, 1881. She also received a common school education. Very early in life she displayed her ability as a natural musician, and when only a young girl she could perform quite difficult music on the piano, and when she grew older became quite proficient in this art.

During her young girlhood days she lived with her parents at Swayzee, Indiana, and in the year 1899 emigrated with them to Riverside, California, and has since made that her home.

In 1902 she became acquainted with a young man by the name of Frank Baughn, and after an interesting courtship which lasted over two years, was married in 1904. Frank is a smart, intelligent, business man of ability, owning property in Riverside, and is on the road to a successful business career.

Lewie is one of the kind of women that it does not take a lifetime to get

acquainted with, and yet reserved enough to be ladylike. While she is bright, cheerful, and full of fun, she is not one of the soft, shallow-brained kind that titters and laughs at a mere bubble; she has a solid, sensible, yet pleasant and cheerful disposition, that is really hard to describe, but pleasing and instructive to witness.

Lewie is possessed of a number of characteristics that are inherent in her nature. Among them are kindness, cheerfulness, frankness, practicability and contentment, and it is difficult to determine which of these is the more prominent.

Kindness displays itself in all her actions to those around her, and especially to those who need a helping hand. Not only is she kind to her neighbors and friends, but her sympathy and love are manifested to the lower animals around her. She would scarcely strike a dog or kick a cat, because

it would give them pain. Kindness is written in every lineament and action of her life.

Cheerfulness is also very prominent. In all the adverse circumstances of her life, no difference how severe they might be, or how difficult they are to overcome, she continues to maintain a quiet, sweet disposition, and manages to make at least an outward display of cheerfulness that is really puzzling to her friends. She has the ability of keeping her real feelings in the background and covering them up with cheerfulness, which sort of disposition is possessed but by very few people. If this disposition was more general, how much more bright and pleasant and interesting would life be to those around us?

Frankness is also prominent in her make-up. She speaks her thoughts without reservation or hesitation, but not without

perhaps a hasty mental reconsideration, which makes her conversation pleasing and interesting. She is never at a loss for words to express herself, and any one can see by her open countenance and pleasing demeanor that her thoughts are honestly and faithfully expressed - that there is nothing reserved that is calculated to deceive, or lead to wrong impressions. Her very makeup and mental carriage prove that frankness and honesty are synonymous terms with her.

She is practical to a marked degree--never doing anything just for the sake of doing it, nor for the fun of it, but always has some useful design in all her efforts, thus making her life useful to herself as well as to her friends. And this ability is the key to success and usefulness.

Contentment is another characteristic that seems to come to the surface in Lewie's life, not the contentment that harbors indolence

and idleness, but that which shows itself in her even and mild temperament—soul contentment, which is the essence of happiness, and without which life is a mental failure. Contentment is, also, a health promoter--contented persons scarcely ever are sick, because health and contentment have an affinity that has a tendency to dispel ill-temper, ill-health, and uneasiness of mind and body.

But the most noble characteristics of her good qualities are the love and esteem she manifests for her parents. Unlike most girls after they are married, she cannot forget the old home, which to her is the dearest place on earth, notwithstanding she has a good home of her own, and a kind and loving husband who caters to her every wish, and whom she dearly loves and honors; still with all that, she loves to go home to see mother, and have a pleasant time, and who can blame her? She has but one mother, and never can have another.

DORA PAULINE JOHN

We will now proceed to give a biographical sketch of a few of the members who belong to the seventh generation, but as our statistics are so meager regarding them, our biography will necessarily be confined to only a limited number of the great multitude who compose this generation.

The first persons, then, in the regular order of succession that we have any account of are the children of Charles R. and Anna John, whose biography is given on page 122.

Dora P., the eldest daughter, was born in Riverside, California, on November 6, 1892, consequently is twelve years old at this writing. She is attending the common schools, and is a bright scholar, and will, no doubt, take a college course when she has advanced far enough in her studies. She is also studying music, as a

young lady in this age of the world is not considered to be up to the standard of refinement without this acquisition.

Dora is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a prominent member in the Sunday school. She appears to have an interest in such things that girls twice her age do not often take. She also has an ambition to be popular, and a little timely advice how to acquire this desirable standing in society seems not out of place.

The first thing, then, to acquire is good language. A person cannot be popular in the best society, however excellent all other qualifications, without this most desirable acquisition. Bad language and cheap talk will most assuredly keep us in the lower strata of society and effectually prevent us from being the social equal of first-class

people. And society requires nicer and more accurate language of a lady than a gentleman, and criticisms are more keen and sharp toward them. Bad words and a questionable demeanor are often overlooked in a gentleman, that would not be tolerated for a moment in a lady.

The next in importance is a good voice, which is nearly as essential as good language. The voice should be carefully trained and developed. A full, clear, flexible voice is one of the surest indications of good breeding. Wit, also, is a promoter of popularity, if used in discretion; but remember that a person can be witty without being popular, voluminous in speech without being agreeable, a great talker and yet a great bore.

Be sincere. One who habitually sneers at everything not only makes herself disagreeable to others, but will soon cease to find pleasure in life.

Be frank. A frank, open countenance, and a clear, cheery laugh are worth far more, even socially, than a high head and a stiff collar.

Be amiable. You may hide a vicious nature under a polite exterior for a time, but the least provocation brings out the real vindictive spirit, and ill-tempered people are always disliked.

Be courteous. There is nothing so pretty in the manner of a young girl as courtesy toward the aged. It may be pleasanter to turn and listen to the giddy remark of some girl of your own age rather than to that of some elderly woman, but it does not put your disposition in anything like so becoming a light. Do not neglect the elderly guest in your home. If you only knew how much the delicate attentions of youth are appreciated by age, you would not be niggardly in bestowing them. You will, too, always be the gainer by such thoughtful-

ness, —the gainer in wisdom, love, and, above all, that greatest attraction in a girl's disposition, unselfishness.

Be sensible. Society never lacks for fools, and what you might consider very entertaining nonsense may soon be looked upon as very tiresome folly.

Be cheerful. If you have no great trouble on your mind, you have no right to make other people miserable by your long face and whining tones. If you do, you will most likely be avoided.

Above all, be cordial and sympathetic. True cordiality and sympathy unite all the other qualities we have enumerated, and are certain to secure the popularity so dear to everyone.

ELSIE MARGUERITE JOHN

The second child of Charles R. and Anna John, namely, Elsie M., was born in Riverside, California, on October 9, 1895.

She is now attending the common schools and is very proficient in her lessons, and will, no doubt, make her mark in the world. She is alert, smart and witty, and has a tendency to ask a great many questions--wants to know everything, and consequently is more efficient than she otherwise would have been, and knows more than the average girl of the same age. But Elsie gets irritated sometimes when things do not go right with her, as most people do, and she is inclined to fret and worry. A few suggestions along that line will not be out of place:

When things do not go right with you, turn your back upon them and go as fast

as ever you can down the track toward peace and happiness. Some girls fret enough to move mountains, seemingly, but you must remember that the world and its mistakes will take care of themselves.

Just remember to live today and live your best. "Do not worry about yesterday, because it has gone; you cannot reach tomorrow, it never comes, for tomorrow is today; that only is yours."

We all have our little annoyances and vexations, because people do not always say and do the things we wish they would; but somewhere there is a quiet place where we can run to and get back our sweet happiness of mind when everything seems to go wrong. Whenever you think a great trouble is going to happen you, stop and assure yourself that for this hour, at least, all is well, and therefore be at peace.

And again: when you are being trained gradually from the schoolroom into the

duties of real living, you should feel that you have a place--an important one, in the family. You should not be merely the young lady, to be dressed and petted, and to have amusement provided for you, but you should be a serious person, on whom the family relies for some, at least, of its comforts.

You should be gentle, courteous and kind to those around you, because that is the way to make friends and keep them.

You should have a higher destiny than a life of idleness and luxury, because idleness is the mother of indolence, and luxury of laziness.

You should not speak uncharitably of the less fortunate about you, because, for aught you know, some time in life your conditions may be reversed.

Keep yourself from the fatal malady of bad humor--from grumbling, from little irritations, from rudeness.

You should have a keen relish for everything beautiful, great and good, and with a temper so genial that the friction of the world will have no effect upon your sensibilities. For when you cannot find contentment in yourself, it is useless to seek it elsewhere.

Always take a short view of life, and say to your troubled heart: "Be at peace, all is right for this hour at least." Live your life hourly, and do not look forward to trouble at the end.

Honor and love your mother. You should not forget the holy love and tender care she has had for you. In years gone by, she has kissed away from your cheek the troubled tear; she has soothed and petted you when all else appeared against you; she has not only watched over you in health, but nursed you in sickness with that tender care known only to a mother. She has been proud of

your success. Never neglect an opportunity, no matter how small, to do things that will be pleasing to mother; all the great things of this life are made up of many small ones.

Always be ready to take counsel from mother, rather than to give it. Always have the faith that right makes might, and to dare to do your duty as you understand it. Mean to be something with all your might.

CLARENCE WILLIAM JOHN

The third child and only son of Charles R. and Anna John, was born in Riverside, California, on April 4, 1897, and is therefore eight years of age at this writing. Owing to a nervous ailment he has not yet entered school, but is receiving instruction at home. His characteristics are scarcely developed

as yet, therefore any biographical sketch will be on the line of general advice, and suggestions as how to become a useful citizen of society, and an honored member of the community in which he may live.

The first requisite to acquire, then, is a good education. Without it a man stands a very poor show for success in the business world. Then, he should learn how to earn money, but to be strictly honest and truthful in its acquisition. Money obtained in any other way can never be enjoyed, because a stricken conscience annihilates it. But there is something better than making money, even honestly, and that is a life of usefulness.

Learn how to do things well, your success in life depends on that, and remember it is never too late to reform--to be what you might have been.

You should acquire careful and correct

business habits, and learn how to get the most for your money.

You should avoid profane and indecent language, and be manly, self-reliant and aggressive, and above all, be neat and genteel in your appearance.

Great principles are in small actions. If you fail in your present circumstances to live nobly, you need not imagine you could have done better on a grander scale. Learn to develop a great and good character in the simple duties of life.

Be of good cheer in case of disappointment; exercise greater charity toward the erring, and make more allowance for the opinions of people whose views differ from yours; to smile more and frown less. To be honest, to be kind; to earn a little every day, and to spend a little less; to make those around you happier because of your presence. Always keep a few intimate

friends, and these without having to buy them, and above all to keep friends with yourself,—here is a task for all that you have of fortitude and patience.

Always put character above wealth, because it is worth more; wealth is transient, character eternal. You should be as honest in small things as in great ones, because all great things are made up of small ones.

You should be true to your friends through both good and evil report, in adversity as well as in prosperity.

You should not believe that shrewdness, sharpness, cunning and long-headedness alone are the best qualities for winning success. Honesty, integrity, a true moral and Christian character, are the principal elements that constitute the successful man.

ADDENDA

Dear Relatives: I have now completed this history. And while it is not as extensive and full as I could wish,—neither are all the members of the John family contemplated in the book,—yet it is as complete as it was possible for me, under the circumstances, to make it. I have been more than two years gathering statistics, and but for the non-interest taken by a great many of those who received circulars with requests to furnish the desired information the family tree would have been much more symmetrical. A great many of the branches are left entirely out because of this seeming carelessness of some of the members of the family.

My thanks are due, however, to those who took interest enough in the work to help me all they could with information. And what to me has been a very large undertaking—large because I have performed all the work myself—gathering statistics, writing, printing and binding the books, which, being an amateur, will, I venture to hope, not be criticised too searchingly. While I have done the very best I could, yet after a thorough recapitulation, I find wherein I could have improved upon the mechanical part of the work, but other heads would have to be substituted to make any improvement on the clerical part. And yet there are, possibly, some errors in that, because of the careless writing of some of my correspondents, which made it difficult for me to decipher all the figures of births, deaths, etc. I hope, however, that if such be the case, it will

be looked upon with a degree of charity, and excused upon the ground of a bad manuscript.

While the work has been of a more arduous nature than I anticipated, yet I do not regret the undertaking, and trust that the members of the John family will appreciate my humble efforts sufficiently to come to the rescue and help me out on the expense of the book by purchasing a copy, and when it is convenient, one book for each member of the family, as a souvenir, would be an appropriate and lasting gift, and one that would be appreciated, not for a day only, but would always be fresh and new.

It will be noticed that I have attached to the history of quite a number of the persons described, especially in the last part of the book, a short homily specifically befitting the persons under whose names

they are attached, yet they are general in their significance and will be found to apply to almost anyone.

It is requested by the author that each purchaser of this book carefully preserve it for future reference, and also for the rising generations, that they may, as time passes, have some idea of their fore-parents, and also in the hope that there will be some who are enterprising enough to continue this history, so that the genealogy of the family will not be lost to posterity.

In conclusion, let me again thank you for your generous moral support, and valuable information rendered, without which it would have been impossible to have compiled this book.

Faternally, your relative,

WILLIAM JOHN

Riverside, California.

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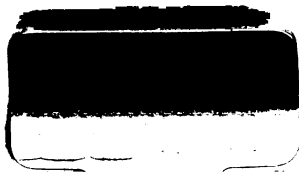
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